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Talks proposed to discuss three council partnership

COUNCILLORS are being asked to approve formal talks to consider the potential for future partnership working between Weymouth and Portland Borough Council (WPBC), West Dorset District Council (WDDC) and North Dorset District Council (NDDC).

NDDC has already agreed to talks and now WPBC's Management Committee and WDDC's Executive Committee will decide if they wish to open formal discussions to explore the potential benefits of the three councils working together.

WPBC and WDDC's shared services partnership has already saved £3 million and been recognised as leading edge in a recent review by the Local Government Association.

It sees one set of staff providing services for both councils, with each authority as an equal partner retaining its own sovereignty, controlling its own budgets and electing its own councillors.

The development of a pioneering three council partnership is likely to attract substantial interest and support from the Department for Communities and Local Government and quite possibly some development funding from the Transformation Challenge Fund.

Weymouth and Portland Borough Council brief holder for Corporate Affairs and Continuous Improvement Michael Goodman said: "We have to develop new models of local government in response to changes in the way councils are now funded, but also to be positive and seize commercial opportunities that arise in the future.

"A three-council partnership would represent more than 230,000 people and half the county area, giving us a more powerful voice in both Dorset and further afield to influence positive outcomes for our residents."

If approved, talks would help develop a vision, protocol, terms of joint working and business case for a partnership.

Leader of West Dorset District Council Robert Gould said: "These are early days but our partnership delivery programme has always included future phases to work with others.

"A three council partnership would allow us to provide services more efficiently, take advantage of economies of scale and work together to become less reliant on Government funding."

NDDC decided at its meeting of January 31st that talks between the three councils should be pursued.

Councillor Deborah Croney, Leader of NDDC, said: "It will be important to determine what the benefits would be to North Dorset residents of a partnership arrangement. The opportunity should be investigated further to determine if it might be possible to improve services, and increase our capacity and resilience."

Councillor Croney also advised that there had been interest from the Local Government Association and other organisations in respect of the proposal as a three-way council partnership had not been entered into before.

WPBC Management Committee reports and information can be found at: https://www.dorsetforyou.com/401713.

Pet day fun at countrystores

■ SCATS Countrystores on Grove Trading Estate, Dorchester saw a great turn out at its recent Pet Care Information Day.

The event included dog grooming, Ann Bond's dog training tips, and local Vet Ellie Marriott's expert health advice altogether made for a truly enjoyable event for all concerned.

Sue Langford, Store Manager said: "It was great to be able to offer our customers such a valuable day. The support we had from local businesses was very much appreciated and made for a really pleasant day. We were also able to help Margaret Green Animal Rescue to raise more than £100 supporting it as our charity of the day."

As well as bringing along one of its rescue dogs for a fun day out, Margaret Green Animal Rescue held a raffle on the day to win a hamper of fruit.

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MICHAEL Ellery was born at Weymouth's Portwey Hospital, now a block of flats, on St George's Day, April 23rd, 1954.

He went to Abbotsbury village primary school and Weymouth Grammar School before joining the DHSS as a clerk in 1971.

In 1974 he joined HM Customs and stayed with them until his early retirement in 2010 following an M25 car accident.

He is now director of Brewers Quay Emporium Ltd in Weymouth, using his keen interest in antiques and collectibles which he developed while a customs officer.

60 SECOND INTERVIEW

● WHY do you live in Weymouth?
I live in Upwey because it is my ancestral home and the most beautiful part of Weymouth. My grandparents lived there and are buried there, my mother was brought up there and married there and I have now lived there in the village for 12 years.

● WHERE do you go for your holidays?
The last one was Portugal. Prior to that I drove to Spain twice and I have also been to South America, Turkey, Canada and Newfoundland, most of Europe and Egypt.

I believe New York and Istanbul are the two greatest cities in the world and I would recommend anyone to go and see them. I suppose of all the places I have been to then rural France is perhaps my favourite.

● WHAT is your favourite time of the year?
Summer because it is hot. I like shorts, T-shirts and flip-flops, so it has to be hot.

● WHAT is your favourite film?
That's a tricky one. I think I'll go for "Dr Zhivago", "Far From the Madding Crowd", "The Usual Suspects" and "Kill Bill". I love Quentin Tarantino.

● WHAT is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you?
Thinking I was going to be killed in an air crash in Peru in 1982. The pilot braked as we took off from Lima and we ended up in the grass at the end of the runway. That's about as scared as I ever want to get. I don't like flying any more, but I still do it.

● IF you could live your life again what would you be?
I would like to be a journalist or a writer. I have always enjoyed writing and reading books. If I couldn't be a journalist I would like to be a lawyer and get paid for arguing with people.

● WHICH three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?
My first would be the Dalai Lama because I used to study Buddhism and my second would Tony Benn because he was one of the few politicians to stick to his principles. My third choice would be George Best because he was the greatest footballer who ever lived.

● WHAT would you do if you won the Lottery?
I would travel, drive across the US, go and see the Golden Temple of Amritsar, but I wouldn't rush out and buy everything. What's the point.

● WHAT do you hope the future holds?
To be happy. Doesn't everyone want to be happy? If you have that and you are healthy you've got everything.

■ DEATH NOTICE

ROZ CHAPPUIS

Passed away suddenly on 5th March 2014, aged 63 years.
Beloved wife and a much treasured friend of Kevin.
A Service of Celebration of her Life will be held at Bridport Cemetery Chapel on Friday 28th March at 2.15pm (no mourning clothes and no flowers please by her request) but donations for The Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance may be given at the Service or sent c/o A. G. Down Funeral Directors, 66 South Street, Bridport, DT6 3NN

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County town to look forward to summer celebration of art

by Trevor Bevins

THIS year is likely to be one of the best for Dorset arts according to Dorchester Art Centre Artistic Director Mark Tattersall.

He told a Dorchester meeting that with the county town arts festival, Dorset Arts Weeks and the B-Side Festival thousands of visitors would be attracted to the county – boosting its economy.

Mr Tattersall was speaking at a community lunch event organised by the Dorchester Area Partnership at the Dorford Centre.

The first of the events will be the Dorchester Festival which takes place over the late May Bank Holiday weekend, for which tickets are now available, although many of the events are free.

He said that this year, for the first time, the Saturday Parade would take in Brewery Square and would include a 45-foot long Sea Horse.

Coinciding with the Dorchester Festival would be Dorset Art Weeks which will be open from May 24th to June 8th.

He said the event involved around 800 artists last year, 25,000 visitors and more than 112,000 visits to studios and exhibitions.

"It is estimated that it brings an incredible £2million into the Dorset economy," he said.

In September the multi-media B-Side Festival takes place together with the Inside Out Festival which this year will see artists creating works of art in response to the Dorset Ridgeway.

Award ceremony for 'good graffiti' project

AWARDS for the "good graffiti" project will be handed out at a ceremony on April 3rd.

The six-month street art project was set up by district council Chairman Gillian Summers in November 2013.

It aimed to reduce vandalism and damage caused by unsightly graffiti and tagging by channelling the talents and energy of people who want to do graffiti into something positive.

Blank walls were set up at Simons Road, Sherborne; The Trick Factory, St Michael's Trading Estate, Bridport and Damers Road, Dorchester.

Each wall displayed the project's logo so those wanting to produce the art could do so in an acceptable environment.

Photos of the project can be found the Twitter and Facebook pageswww.twitter.com/goodgraffitiWD and www.facebook.com/goodgraffiti.

The ceremony will take place from 6pm at South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester.

The ceremony will also give artists and those involved in the project the chance to graffiti a car.

Neil Siford from Bridport and a group of friends will be entering the fund-raising competition "Monaco or Bust" where competitors have to buy a car for under £250, paint it up and drive from the UK to Monaco.

Mr Siford will be raising money for the British Heart Foundation and Diabetes UK.

Councillor Gillian Summers said: "The car will be sporting our Goodgraffiti logo and will be painted in a Jurassic theme, and will be a wonderful way to round off our project.

"As well as giving street artists a legal way to express their art we will be contributing to two very good charities.

"I hope lots of residents will drop by between 6pm and 7.30pm to see the progress with the car."

The awards ceremony will include a screen presentation with a message from musician and DJ Goldie and free food and drinks.

Posters will be available to buy of some of the best works produced over the course of the project.

SOME of the graffiti art produced on the Damers Road rail bridge in Dorchster

Cereal company approached by potential buyers

DORSET Cereals say its parent company has been approached to sell the Dorchester business – but adds that no decision has yet been made.

"As a consequence of our success our owners, Wellness Foods, have had interest from a number of companies. This is a confidential process and no decision has yet been made as to whether a sale will take place.

"It's business as usual for the Dorset based team who continue to make great tasting Mueslis, Granola and Porridges for the UK market and are now exporting to 70 countries around the world," said a statement from the head of marketing Mandy Cooper this week.

She added: "Dorset Cereals has been producing award winning breakfast cereals for many years and according to the latest Kantar World panel market data to January 5th 2014, has seen the fastest growth in the number of buyers of any major brand in the cereal category. In the past year over 2 million households have bought the brand, not bad for a tiny little company from Dorset!"

A story on the financial pages of the Sunday Telegraph claims that between £40 and £50million might be the range of the asking price for the brand.

Dorset Cereals, which was founded in 1989, had total sales of £36.1million and declared profits of £15.7million in 2012, according to figures from Companies House, but since then has launched a range of porridge products which may have increased sales.

Heating oil thefts rise

DORCHESTER police say that simple measures can be used to protect heating oil - a target of thieves in recent days in villages and hamlets near Dorchester.

At Chilfrome offenders stole approximately 350 litres from a plastic tank while 500 litres were taken from a property in Maiden Newton which also had 700 litres taken in February.

Police say there are various alarms available to householders to enable them to protect their tanks. These range from an alarmed padlock, which can be fitted to the entrance hatch, to more sophisticated alarms which the police Safer Neighbourhood Team can advise on.

Alarmed padlocks cost around £15 and details of what they look like and how to obtain one, can be found online at the crime prevention pages of the LV= Streetwise Charity (www.streetwise.org.uk).

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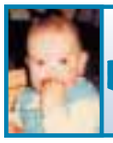

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County receives £5.8million to repair storm-damaged roads

DORSET County Council has received £5.8million to help repair local roads damaged by the recent severe weather.

A major programme of works is being planned for the county's roads.

But with the final repair bill likely to top £12.4million the council will continue to lobby for extra funding.

The council submitted bids for a number of national funds to help with repairs following the wettest winter on record and are waiting to hear if they have been successful.

The council has received to date £5,874,311 from the emergency payment to repair local roads damaged by the weather.

Councillor Spencer Flower, Leader of the county council, said: "We are pleased that the amount of damage the county received over the past few months has been recognised. But this money is only part of the funding we need to repair all the storm-damaged roads.

"An intense programme of works will be planned to make sure this money is spent by the Government's deadline of the summer holidays.

"The plan will look at carrying out repairs in the most efficient way, but balanced with causing the least disruption to local residents.

"This is going to be a busy few months with many major roads across the county needing attention."

The programme of repairs is currently being planned and information will be published explaining how and where the money will be spent when it has been finalised.

Also, due to the timescale, some planned road maintenance will need to be postponed until later in the year to keep traffic moving and boost the local economy.

The county has also received £184,813 from the severe weather recovery scheme for the community impact of the storms.

Last chance to highlight development sites

TIME is running out for local people to suggest on sites suitable for development in the West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council areas.

Anyone can make suggestions for housing or employment use to either authority by April 3rd.

West Dorset District Council, Robert Gould said: "The Government is keen to make sure land availability does not prevent the delivery of more homes and all councils across the country are now required to identify future sources of land for housing in their areas.

"Local people, agents and developers often better informed about where potential sites might be located and so we are encouraging them to come forward with suggestions.

"All submissions will be carefully considered but there is no guarantee that a suggested site will be considered suitable for development."

Chairman of Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Management Committee, Mike Goodman said: "The findings of the assessment will be used as part if the evidence base of the Local Plan and support the delivery of land to meet the need for more homes in our area.

"We are interested in sites of all sizes, large and small, so if you are aware of somewhere within the borough that might be suitable for development please do get in touch."

To find out more information, or to suggest a site with potential for development telephone call 01305 252386. Information is also available on www.dorsetforyou.com.

Unison consult over minimal pay rise offer

UNISON in the South West is to consult its local government and school members over industrial action, following a one per cent pay offer.

The union says this contrast to a 36 per cent increase Cabinet Ministers approved for their Special Advisers.

Around 50,000 of the lowest paid local government workers will receive a rise that is slightly above inflation, while the remainder of the workforce - around 90 per cent - will receive just one per cent.

UNISON South West Regional Manager, Tanya Palmer, said: "It is outrageous that the vast majority of local government workers have effectively been offered another pay cut, we are in a low wage economy here in the South West and our members have seen a cut in their pay of more than 13 per cent since April 2008, this cannot continue.

"Although the long overdue modest rise for the lowest paid workers is welcome, this offer is another slap in the face for local government workers many of them having to turn to Food banks and Pay Day Lenders to provide for their families.

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Villagers call for action to protect children from speeding traffic

PUDDLETOWN residents are calling for action to protect pupils at the new first school – after claims that the county council has failed to put up adequate warning signs for drivers.

"We are very concerned about the lack of adequate signs indicating the presence of the school, especially on the approach from the Dorchester Road," said Chairman of the Puddletown Society Bill Maunder.

He said the slight curve of the road coming in from Dorchester meant that the 30mph signs were not visible until the last moment.

"Drivers are unlikely to slow down until they see the signs so they will be doing well in excess of 30mph as they get to the school…we feel this is an unacceptable risk."

And he said not only were children from the school at risk – but also their parents, brothers and sisters and older relatives who often undertook at least one of the school runs.

He suggested moving the 30mph signs further up the road towards Dorchester and having flashing lights to warn of children at the start and end of the day.

"Nobody wants to be in a position to say 'I told you so.'"

Puddletown parish councillor Chris Leonard agreed with Mr Maunder and said that a meeting had already been held with Ian Madgewick from the county council in an effort to improve safety – but had been told that some of the measures would not be possible because the location failed to meet the criteria.

Mr Leonard said Mr Madgewick had promised that some signs would be improved, centre lines repainted; the timings of the lights at the crossroads looked at and overgrown hedges cut back.

Parish councillors agreed to write a formal letter requesting the improvements with a suggested timescale for the work to be completed.

Sports centre joins credit scheme

FROM left volunteer, Robert Russell; General Manager of Dorchester Sports Centre, Kenny Brown; Project Co-ordinator of Community Credit Scheme for the Volunteer Centre in Dorset, Siobhan Davis; and Volunteer/Buddy for the Community Credit Scheme, Anne May Membury

COMMUNITY minded volunteers who have learning disabilities in Dorset will be rewarded for their efforts with Community Credits at Dorchester Sports Centre which has now joined the scheme.

The Community Credit scheme is the brainchild of the Volunteer Centre Dorset which piloted the initiative in April of last year.

The project is focused on people with learning disabilities and provides a volunteer buddy to help support them to volunteer within their local community. In return for volunteering they and their volunteer buddy will receive time credits which can be used to "buy" into an activity of their choice.

Project co-ordinator for the Community Credit scheme for the Volunteer Centre in Dorset, Siobhan Davis said it is important that people with learning disabilities get access to the leisure facilities they need: "We are delighted that a community minded organisation such as 1610 which manages Dorchester Sports Centre is getting involved in the scheme.

"Many people with learning disabilities have been hit hard by recent financial cuts so if they get access to a swimming pool or gym for an hour by volunteering then they not only enhance their life skills, but they are able to keep fit and healthy too.

"The scheme has worked very well in Dorset and we need more organisations such as 1610 to embrace community credits as it makes such a difference to the lives of people with learning disabilities."

For more information about the Community Credit scheme, please contact Siobhan Davis s.davis@volunteeringdorset.org .uk, phone 01305 269214 or visit their website at www.volunteeringdorset.org.uk.

Plans for new cycleway

PLANS for upgrading a bridleway between West Knighton and the West Stafford bypass to be used as a cycleway could cost up to £100,000.

The scheme is part of a project to create a cycleway between Dorchester and Broadmayne.

Councillors have been told that the cost allows for using recycled road planings and binding the surface together with asphalt. A cheaper option, using just recycled road planings, would cost £43,000 plus VAT.

The Dorchester Area Community Partnership is investigating funding sources.

New shop creates new jobs

ORGANIC and natural health and beauty chain Neal's Yard is moving into the Tudor Arcade, creating six jobs.

The company say they hope to open by mid-April, taking over the former Julian Graves unit.

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Dorset Food and Arts Festival returns to Queen Mother Square

A THIRD Dorset Food and Arts Festival is to be held at Poundbury in the summer.

It will be held in Queen Mother Square on Saturday, August 2nd.

Dorset Food & Drink, Dorset Farmers' Markets and the Duchy of Cornwall will be working together to run the event on the weekend closest to the late Queen Mother's birthday.

This year's event will celebrate local food and drink and artistic creativity in Dorset. The organisers will also be working with the New Hardy Players, the Dorchester Community Play and Screen Bites, Dorset's food and film festival.

This year's festival will be a one-day event, with a mixed programme of arts and performances to make it an even wider celebration of Dorset creativity.

In addition to the regular farmers' market, there will be other Dorset food and drink producers, including members of Dorset Food & Drink, the group which was officially launched at the 2013 festival.

Blandford brewers Hall & Woodhouse will once again run a bar, and there will be demonstrations in the Dorset Farmers' Market mobile kitchen by some of Dorset's leading chefs.

There will also be a programme of local musicians, bands and singers during the day. Plans for the evening include music from the Drummer Hodge community play band and scenes from the New Hardy Players' summer production of Hardy's Wessex Scenes. It is also hoped that Screen Bites, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, will show a food-themed film.

There will be activities for children, as well as art exhibitions by local students and professional artists in galleries and other locations.

The festival is run by volunteers and is raising funds for Dorset's hospice charity, Weldmar Hospicecare Trust, and also for the Cinnamon Trust, the charity which helps the elderly and terminally ill. Entry and parking are free, but visitors will be encouraged to use the park and ride from Dorchester.

For more information on the festival, or if anyone is interested in taking part, as a musician or artist, please contact Christine Walsh at the Duchy office at Poundbury, cwalsh@duchyofcornwall.org or telephone 01305 250533.

Dorset Food and Arts Festival is supported by the Duchy of Cornwall, Waitrose, Dorset Farmers' Markets and other local sponsors. Any business or organisation interested in sponsoring an aspect of the festival should contact Christine Walsh for more details.

Works begins on new college block

WORK starts on the new Kingston Maurward science centre - from left student Kayleigh Drummond; student Danielle Ware; Structural Engineer Dan Adoriso; Kier Construction Director Martin Orr; Kingston Maurward Principal Clare Davison; Animal Science and Equine Academy Head Aart Noordijk; A&Q Architect Ashley Bell; Animal Technician Christine Rolfe; Kier Site Manager Ramez Bagdadi and Kier Senior Contracts Manager Julian Smith

by Trevor Bevins

STUDENTS and lecturers at Kingston Maurward College joined contractors to celebrate the start of work on a new teaching facility.

Senior staff and students and employees from Kier Construction attended a special ground breaking ceremony to mark the start of work on a new animal sciences block.

College principal Clare Davison and senior animal and equine lecturer Aart Noordijk joined Kier director, Martin Orr, and senior contracts manager, Julian Smith, as students watched an excavator break the ground at the site.

The £2.3million project will provide a new teaching facility for animal sciences. It will deliver five classrooms, an ICT suite, areas for dog grooming, small mammals, reptiles and amphibians, and a specialist aquatic teaching area.

It will also include additional staff rooms, offices and welfare facilities.

Working with architects A&Q and structural engineers Calcinotto, Kier will construct the 1,300square metre steel portal framed building to resemble the barn that once stood in its place.

Kier Construction director, Martin Orr, said: "We're delighted to see work get under way on this exciting project for Kingston Maurward College. Working right in the middle of a live college and a working farm will of course have its challenges, but our team will work closely with the college to ensure we keep any disruption to a minimum, and keep everyone safe."

Kingston Maurward College principal, Clare Davison, added: "This purpose-built Animal Science Centre will be an enormous asset to the college, meeting the highest welfare standards for animals and allowing students to benefit from modern airy classrooms.

"It will replace long outgrown animal conservation and welfare academy classrooms, which can now be better used for other purposes."

Work on the project is scheduled to complete by the end of October.

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Film screening for Evergreens

THE 1938 Hollywood classic film "The Adventures of Robin Hood" will be showing on the big screen at the Evergreens Cinema, at Age UK Dorchester on April 2nd.

The swashbuckling tale stars the great Errol Flynn as Robin, and Oscar winning actress Olivia de Havilland as Maid Marion.

The cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm and tea and biscuits will be served during the showing, for just £1.50. Ice creams will be also available.

Everyone is welcome to come along to Age UK Dorchester's centre in Prince of Wales Road, and enjoy an afternoon of classic cinema entertainment.

For further information please contact Lucy or Carol on 01305 269444.

The Evergreens Social Group meet every Wednesday afternoon for illustrated talks, musical entertainment and social gatherings.

The Evergreens Cinema takes place the first Wednesday of the month, showing a variety of vintage British and classic Hollywood movies.

Get help with your gadgets

A "GADGET Day" is being held at Crossways Library in early April when help will be on offer for those who might be struggling with their online devices.

Volunteers and friends of the library will be on hand between 10am and noon to help sort out any problems with those planning to attend asked to bring their gadgets into the library where they can also try out the free WiFi and learn how to download ebooks.

Playgroup bingo fundraiser

CROSSWAYS Playgroup will benefit from a prize bingo session this Saturday, March 29th in the village hall.

The event will include refreshments and a raffle. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

JEAN Sparks, right, a resident at Colten Care's Castle View home and Sue Goodwin, Activity Organiser, present the cheque to Caroline Nickinson, Weldmar Hospicecare's Director of Fundraising

RESIDENTS at a Dorchester care home have raised more than £700 for Weldmar Hospicecare by selling handmade items.

A special "Punch and Judy" stall has become a popular feature in the reception area of Colten Care's Castle View at Poundbury.

Among the items sold have been knitted baby clothes, purses, pin cushions, knitted poppies, blankets, handmade cards and bookmarks.

Forty of the baby cardigans have been knitted by just one resident, Jean Sparks, 81, who has another three in production.

"Knitting is a good way of keeping busy and I'm just so pleased that my cardigans are benefitting Weldmar," said Jean who became a resident at Castle View 18 months ago.

"The cardigans take about two to three days to knit. I worked on reception as a volunteer at Weldmar's Joseph Weld Hospice for six years and it's a wonderful cause."

Jean joined Sue Goodwin, Castle View's Activity Organiser, to present a cheque for £707.44 to Caroline Nickinson, Weldmar Hospicecare's Director of Fundraising.

Sue said: "It's great that the talents of our residents can help raise money for such a worthy cause."

RICHARD Bugler during his budget presentation to Dorchester Chamber of Commerce

Budget breakfast for chamber members

DORCHESTER Chamber of Commerce held a special early morning meeting at Kingston Maurward College to ensure its members got to hear about the Chancellor's proposals within hours of the budget announcement.

Richard Bugler of Albert Goodman Accountants talked at the breakfast meeting about what the budget would mean to them and the local economy.

The chamber's next monthly breakfast meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8th at Carluccio's in Brewery Square.

The speaker will be Brewery Square's Andrew Wadsworth who will be telling the members about the next stage in development.

Anyone wishing to book can do so on the chamber's website, www.dorchesterchamber.co.uk. Bookings officially close on Friday, April 4th.

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Final preparations underway for community play

by Trevor Bevins

SCAFFOLDERS and volunteer stage hands moved into the Thomas Hardye School Theatre this week to put together the set for the town's community play, Drummer Hodge, which opens on April 1st.

"I think it's fair to say that there's a lot of nerves, but people are definitely getting excited now," said play officer, Kate Hebditch.

Tickets for the production, which continues until April 12th, are said to be selling well – but those who need a seat are being advised to book soon.

"It is a promenade performance around four stage areas but we do have a very limited number of seats for those who are unable to walk around…but those are being booked up fast, so if you need one please get in touch soon," said Kate.

The play recreates Edwardian Dorchester in a time of great social change.

Inspired by the poetry of Thomas Hardy, and based on real events from the town's involvement in the Boer War, Drummer Hodge is performed by a cast of more than 100 local performers, a community orchestra and a percussion band.

The play, the town's sixth, has been written and directed by Rupert Creed, designed by Dawn Allsopp and features music by Tim Laycock.

Based on real events the play explores the role of women at the start of the 20th century. In a year that commemorates the outbreak of WWI, the play portrays the town's involvement in the earlier, Boer War in South Africa.

This imperial conflict saw the British government introduce the idea of internment camps, which resulted in the deaths of more than 20,000 Boer women and children.

The play references the campaigning efforts of Emily Hobhouse to expose the shameful truth of Britain's "death camps" and takes the story up to the outbreak of WWI.

Tickets for the play are available from the plays association office at the old Library in Colliton Park which is open on Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm and also on Saturday mornings, and are also available by calling the office on 01305 228269, or online via the website www.dorchestercommunityplay.org.uk.

THE penultimate weekend rehearsals which were held at the Thomas Hardye School this weekend. Next weekend will be the final dress rehearsal before the community play opens on April 1st

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Losing weight is not always great

MEMBERS of Age UK Dorchester's Fun and Food Activity Centre celebrated national Nutrition and Hydration week with a presentation entitled "Losing Weight Is Not Always Great!" – and then tucking into cakes.

The awareness week aims to highlight the importance of nutritional care and hydration for older people.

Hilary Foggo from Age UK Dorchester commented: "Often society sees it as acceptable for older people to lose weight as they age, but this is not the case and their weight loss could be an indication of malnutrition.

"Sadly, malnutrition does exist in our country, affecting some three million adults, which is shocking. Unless on a diet for medical reasons, it is generally not a good idea to have low fat foods as we age."

The presentation is part of Dorset's Nutritional Care Strategy, one of the first to be developed in the country to positively take action to address these concerns.

Further information about nutrition or the activity centre can be obtained by contacting Age UK Dorchester on 01305 269444.

SOME of the Activity Centre members enjoying their cakes

IT looks like spring has sprung around Dorchester as the town is awash with daffodils this time of year.

Pictured here are some of the displays on The Grove, close to County Hall.

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Park plans move forward

PLANS for a new play park in Puddletown have taken another step forward – after the parish council agreed to pay for the costs of an architect.

Rob Belbin told parish councillors that the project was in line with Government thinking and with the Dorset County Council Play Strategy.

"For something like this to be successful all recreation ground users will need to work in harmony…

"I genuinely think this project is a once in a generation opportunity. The more the community talk about it the more excited people seem to get about it."

But parish councillors were concerned that changes could put at risk the use of part of the Recreation Ground as a summer caravan site – something which brings in about £5,000 a year for the council.

But parish councillors agreed to foot the bill, of around £2,100, for an architect to draw up more detailed plans for the project.

Church cafe fundraiser

CROSSWAYS Youth Centre will be holding a church café from 10-12 this Saturday, March 29th.

Tea or coffee, homemade cakes and table top items for sale will be available.

If you have items to sell please contact Linda on 01305 852004.

Stroll around town

DORCHESTER Strollers meet on Monday, March 31st, for their last walk of the month.

The group will be getting together at 10.30am at the Diabetes Centre in Bridport Road for a stroll around town.

The walks are free and designed to cater for all abilities.

For more information call group secretary Susan Blake on 01305 263759.

New office for care service

STAFF settle in to their new Bluebird Care office in Poundbury this week

BLUEBIRD Care is celebrating the opening of a new Dorchester office on Bridport Road in Poundbury.

The new office is the third to be opened by Directors, Chris Scriven and Joanne McMahon, in order to provide Bluebird Care's at home service throughout Dorset.

Chris said: "Previously, we covered the Dorchester area from Weymouth but the opening of the new office will ensure we are more accessible to residents of the county town and the surrounding villages. Our business is growing due to Bluebird Care's reputation for delivering high quality care and, as it does so, we expect to bring more jobs to the area as we seek out those with a passion and commitment to improve the lives of older or vulnerable people."

Bluebird Care (Dorset) triumphed in the South West region of the Great British Care Awards in the "Care Innovators" category. This success means that the service has progressed to a place in the national finals this April.

Chris said: "It has been fantastic to win the award and to be progressing within the competition as a feather in our cap and acknowledgement of the dedication of our staff in making a positive difference to people's lives. Choices about care are so important and good credentials are essential for a care provider in ensuring those with difficult choices to make have something solid on which those decisions can be based."

Bluebird Care (Dorset) provides care at home visits to older people and adults with physical or learning disabilities throughout Dorset.

Joanne said: "Our aim is to ensure that our customers remain as independent as possible for as long as possible. Our service is about giving people the help that they need to ensure they remain in control of their lives and that, whether they are receiving care due to age or a disability, that the care happens as naturally and unobtrusively as possible."

Plans for forest cycle path

PROPOSALS are being explored for a formal cycle route through Puddletown Forest to link in with the new Thomas Hardy Visitor Centre at the Thorncombe Wood car park.

The centre is expected to be finished by September and will provide a base for Forest Rangers as well as an information centre for the nearby Thomas Hardy Cottage. A refreshment area is also proposed at the new base.

Puddletown councillor Phil Drake said the centre could have a positive effect for the village with proposals for a direct walking route to Puddletown as well as a new cycle route – but he said he had been told that there was no money in the budget for the routes this year.

"There is also talk of a picnic area which might help win back the forest for families and local people," he said.

Painting sale for hospice

LANDSCAPE paintings of Dorset and France will go on sale this weekend to raise money for the Weldmar Hospice.

They were painted by Dorchester man, Edgar Stone Cook, a former patient who took up art in his retirement, taking after his father who was an artist.

Around 140 paintings, which were donated by his son and daughter, will be sold at the Dorchester Corn Exchange this Saturday, March 29th between 10am and 4pm.

A number of stalls, books and cakes will also be available in the sale.

Parkinson's group AGM

THE local branch of Parkinson's UK will be holding its annual meeting at the Magna Community Room in Lubbecke Way on Friday, March 28th at 2.30pm.

Chief Officer Steve Ford will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Weymouth and Dorchester branch.

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Garden open to public

A DORCHESTER garden will be open this Sunday, March 30th, as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

No 113 Bridport Road will be open for viewing from 2 until 4.30pm, costing £3 for adults, children free.

The garden will be open again on April 13th and 27th, May 18th and June 15th.

A guide to the garden says it is set out in themed 'rooms' making use of every inch of space and containing unusual spring bulbs and more than a hundred clematis, together with other climbers; water features, veg' and fruit trees.

Have a knit and natter

A 'KNIT and natter' session is being held at Crossways Library in the coming week.

The event will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd, between 2.30 and 4.30pm and, despite the title, includes any type of handicraft. It is open to all ages with another session planned for April 16th.

Motorbike safety course

THE South Western Ambulance Service is running an emergency first aid course for motorcyclists in Dorchester this weekend.

Techniques specific to giving aid at the roadside will be taught during the course, to be held on Saturday, March 29th.

Further information about booking and the course contents are available by calling 01392 453842.

Estate agent donation

ESTATE agents, Meyers, have donated £1,000 from their community fund to Julia's House.

The Poundbury-based company is setting aside a proportion of its fees from sales to give to local good causes.

Mayor goes over the top for charity

DORCHESTER'S Mayor, Stella Jones, will be dangling by a rope from a Portland cliff this weekend – to raise money for Autism Wessex.

The plucky first citizen, who has previously parachuted for charity, will join other fundraisers to abseil down Blacknor South on Saturday, March 29th.

Mrs Jones does have previous experience of abseiling when she launched herself off the water tower at Poole when mayor 13 years ago.

But the difference is, she says, the abseil was only down the top part of the tower before being lowered the rest of the way down.

Said Mrs Jones: "When I was teaching I used to have a lot of autistic children in my classes.

"I want to raise awareness that they are just like everybody else."

So far she has been pledged around £300, but would like to increase this.

Anyone wishing to sponsor Councillor Jones can contact Dorchester Town Council on 01305 266861 or you can donate online at http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MayorofDorchesterCouncillorStellaJones.

For further information about Autism Wessex visit www.autismwessex.org.uk.

■ MAYOR Stella Jones

■ THE opposite view of this might be more familiar – but can you work out what and where it is?

Some in Dorchester would say it should actually face the opposite direction, or be re-positioned elsewhere in the town!

Last week's object (pictured, below) could be found on the grass in front of County Hall – one of the group of sculptures, locally dubbed 'tank traps'.

Rural music comes to town

THE Dorset Rural Music School will be bringing some of its activities to Dorchester – using the Durnovaria Band Hall in Fordington.

Nigel Carter, from the trust, says the music school, which is based in Blandford, will be using the hall for events in the future.

The Durnovaria Silver Band, which has members aged from eight to 80, meets at the hall on Friday evenings and is itself offering tuition in brass band instruments.

The band trust took over former Methodist Hall at end then of January after a public appeal for funding.

Bus shelter too expensive

THE cost of a new bus shelter for Puddletown is proving too expensive for the parish council.

With only £1,500 in the budget for the new shelter at Kingsmead estimates have put the price at anything up to £7,000. Even the cheapest design is said to cost £2,600.

Alternative ways of funding the shelter will now be investigated.

Disabled club to hold sale

DORCHESTER Disabled Club will hold a jumble sale at Piddletrenthide Village Hall this Saturday, March 29th.

The sale starts at 2pm with admission charged at 50p.

Items for the sale can be taken along from 10am until noon on the previous day.

Concert for air ambulance

DORCHESTER'S Encore Singers will be in concert at the United Church, South Street on Friday, March 28th.

The event, taking place at 7.30pm, will raise money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance through a collection on the door.

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Make space for wildlife in your garden

WILDLIFE urgently need space in the gardens of Dorset and the launch of Dorset Wildlife Trust's (DWT) Wildlife Friendly Gardening Competition aims to recognise those who make a contribution to wildlife in even the smallest of gardens.

Now in its fifth year, the competition which is sponsored by The Gardens Group, includes recognition for any kind of garden, big or small, which has created a haven for wildlife.

Methods to make a garden "wildlife friendly" can include small changes such as planting more flowers to provide food for bees and butterflies, to installing a small pond to create habitats for amphibians such as common frogs, toads and newts.

Competition organiser and Community Conservation Officer for DWT, Joy Wallis said: "Conservationists are increasingly concerned about the decreasing diversity in wildlife around us and fully acknowledge the importance of gardens in providing stepping stones and refuges for much of our wildlife.

"This competition is not necessarily looking for pristine gardens, but extra credit will be given to how you support wildlife.

"We would like people to see their garden as the heart of their home, providing a safe place for hundreds of wildlife species to thrive and flourish."

Categories include the following gardens: patio or small (less than 100 square metres); medium, large, community or school, and best improved garden from last year's winners. Entrants are encourage to send in photos of their wildlife features, such as a nectar-rich border, bird feeders, pond or bath, native trees, hedge and long grass areas.

Winners will receive a plaque, and there are wildlife-friendly prizes for the runners up and for every school that enters the competition, which have been kindly donated by The Gardens Group.

The closing date for entries is May 19th and the awards ceremony will be held at Castle Gardens in Sherborne in July, which includes a talk about grass free lawns.

Entry forms and guidance notes are available at www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlifegardening or contact Joy Wallis on 01305 264620 or email jwallis@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk for more information.

CAROLINE Perget and Mark Hutchinson's 'Best Mid-sized garden' competition winner 2013 photo courtesy of Carline Perget

ANGELA and Alby Patterson's 'best improved' garden competition winner 2013 photo courtesy of Joy Wallis

Charity to thank supporters with special awards

DIVERSE Abilities Plus has launched its first "Thank You Awards" to acknowledge supporters of the Dorset-based charity which supports children and adults with profound learning and physical disabilities.

Anyone can nominate an inspiring person or group that is either a Diverse Abilities fundraising enthusiast, an employee, a volunteer or an adult, child or family supported by the charity.

The "Thank You Award" categories include – Employee Lifetime Achievement; Corporate Supporter; Volunteer Team; Individual Volunteer of the Year; Outstanding Voluntary Contribution; Individual Fundraiser of the Year; Child, young person or adult the charity supports who's achieved something remarkable and Staff member or team who has gone above and beyond.

Charlotte Curtis, Head of Business Resources at Diverse Abilities Plus, said: "We see the great job that our staff do day-in day-out, how committed our volunteers and supporters are to the charity and the achievements that the people we support accomplish and therefore wanted to express how thankful we are to them all for being such inspirational people. If you know of anyone that fits into one of the categories, please put them forward and help them realise how fantastic they are."

The finalist will be invited to an awards reception on Wednesday, April 30th.

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In 2010 they undertook a complete revamp of the premises in Yeovil and the site now offers an enviable choice including Citroen, Ford, Vauxhall, Peugeot, Renault, Nissan and many more.

In 2012, they expanded the business by opening a new branch in Bridport (taking over the existing Southgate site). Now, the Fiat brand is being added to the existing portfolio, offering more choice for customers.

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This Wednesday 2nd April from 4pm-8pm, there will be an open evening for anyone who wants to find out more about the Fiat range and welcome Fiat to the existing Mitsubishi franchise.

Then, on Saturday April 19th, Wessex FM will be on-site with the Safe Game, as well as a raffle with prizes donated from local businesses with all the proceeds going to Julia's House.

Plus, for every car sold on the day, Motorwell will donate £100 to Julia's House.

Refreshments will also be available. So why not pop down and see what Motorwell does and meet the people behind the scenes.

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Still time to have your say on council shake up

THERE is still time for people to have their say on new council ward boundaries across West Dorset district.

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is currently consulting local people on its draft proposals for new ward boundaries across West Dorset.

The consultation closes on April 28th.

The boundary commission's draft recommendations propose that West Dorset District Council should have 42 councillors in the future, six fewer than the current arrangements. The proposals mean those councillors would represent ten single-member, ten two-member and four three-member wards.

The recommendations propose changes to ward boundaries throughout the district.

Max Caller, Chair of the boundary commission, said: "We are asking local people to log on to our website or visit their local library to have a look at our proposals for new ward boundaries for West Dorset district.

"We are keen to hear what local people think of the recommendations and to tell us if they agree with the proposals. If you don't agree with the boundaries we have drawn, we would like to hear your alternatives.

"Our review aims to deliver electoral equality for voters in elections to West Dorset District Council. This means that each councillor represents a similar number of electors so that everyone's vote in council elections is worth roughly the same regardless of where you live. We also aim to ensure that the council's wards reflect, as far as possible, the interests and identities of local communities across the district.

"We will consider all the submissions we receive whoever they are from and whether your evidence applies to the whole of West Dorset or just a part of the district."

Local people can visit the boundary commission's interactive consultation portal at consultation.lgbce.org.uk to look at detailed maps of the proposals.

Hard copies of the report and maps have also been made available to view at council buildings and libraries.

Write to: The Review Officer (West Dorset), Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG or email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk.

Author achieves her dream thanks to hospital team

A DORSET author who has overcome the challenges of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) to pursue her dream of writing is celebrating the forthcoming publication of her second book.

Mum of two Laura James, from Weymouth, was diagnosed with RA when she was 18 and her condition has steadily worsened over the years - but with successful surgery at Dorset County Hospital she has been able to retain mobility in her hands and write two romantic novels, with a third under way.

Laura's first book "Truth or Dare?" was published as an e-book last year and she has just signed a deal with independent publisher Choc Lit for her second novel "Follow Me, Follow You" to come out in paperback in September. The book features some characters from her first novel and is set around Weymouth and Portland.

Laura said: "The rheumatoid arthritis affects many of my joints but my hands have suffered the most. Thankfully I was referred to Mr Walsh who with his wonderful team has taken care of my hand function.

"Without the constant care of Mr Walsh and his amazing team I might not have achieved my dream of publication. My first book was written by hand and now I type. I've been advised to use voice recognition software to save my fingers and save the pain but I love to write. I love to hold a pen and make it glide across the page. I like to sit at my desk, tap away at the ergonomic keyboard and pause to create imaginary worlds, invent complex characters and devise romantic conflicts and resolutions. I need time to think, and that would translate into dead air on a Dictaphone.

■ AUTHOR Laura James with Dorset County Hospital consultant orthopaedic surgeon Mr Sean Walsh

by Trevor Bevins

"I am both thankful and grateful to the orthopaedic and rheumatology teams at DCH who keep the tools of my trade in working condition. They are miracle workers."

Laura faces more surgery in the future but she doesn't let it get her down: "I stay positive because I've got confidence in the teams at DCH, and technology and medicine has moved on so much. There are new developments all the time."

Consultant orthopaedic surgeon Mr Sean Walsh urges anyone with symptoms of RA to seek help as soon as possible: "An opinion from a specialist doctor called a rheumatologist is usually required - an early diagnosis is important before joint damage occurs.

"There are many excellent treatments that will prevent or reduce joint and tendon and ligament damage. In fact nationally and internationally hand surgeons are finding that with early treatment the need for surgery has been reduced.

"Mrs James has undergone more than 10 separate operations on her hands and wrists over the last 16 years. These have included joint replacements, joint fusions (where the joint is stiffened), synovectomies (where the inflamed joint lining is removed) and tendon reconstructions.

"The aim of surgery in patients with rheumatoid arthritis is to improve pain and maintain or improve hand and wrist function. The decision-making about surgery is always a carefully considered one. It is often undertaken in conjunction with the rheumatology team, in Mrs James' case, consultant Dr Michael Helliwell, clinical specialist Jane Raleigh and the specialist Hand Therapy Team. Hand therapy is essential for the specialist rehabilitation that is required after surgery in order to make the best recovery possible.

"Mrs James has been an excellent patient to treat. She has always maintained a very positive attitude and has worked very hard with the rehabilitation after all of her surgeries - I am thrilled that she has achieved her dream to become an author."

You can find out more about Laura's books via her website: www.lauraejames.co.uk.

Police warn of phone scam

WEYMOUTH and Dorchester are now at the centre of a major police investigation in to phone scams.

Detectives were alerted to a problem across Dorset after four phone scams were reported to Dorset Police which involved the victim receiving a phone call from a person posing as a police officer.

The victim is informed of a possible fraudulent transaction going out of their bank account and is advised to call the bank to report it. The scammers then hold the phone line open by not hanging up at their end. When the victim then phones the bank, they are still connected to the fraudster and divulge bank details to them.

But the scam has now been revealed as a much more serious problem after another 11 crimes of a similar nature were reported in the last few days with Weymouth, Dorchester and Bournemouth proving particular targets.

Dorset Police is now warning all members of the public to be vigilant and they have issued a series of guidance notes.

They include not revealing bank details including PIN numbers to anyone. Banks will already have these details and will never ask for someone's card back.

Officers also advise anyone receiving an unexpected call from someone claiming to be from their bank not to give them any details but to hang up and call their bank on their regular contact telephone number and the police using a different telephone and phone line.

People should also not give their bank cards to strangers whatever reason they may give to get the holder to part with them, householders should never allow unknown or unexpected callers inside their home and, if suspicious, should immediately call 999 while police particularly stressed that no-one should hand over any cash to people they don't know.

Detective Inspector Mark Samuel, of Bournemouth and Poole CID, said: "We believe that these crimes are happening nationally and it is possible that many more have not been reported. We want to prevent innocent members of the public handing over money to fraudsters.

"It is extremely important that the public are made aware of these scams so that they do not fall prey to their tactics. I strongly urge everyone to make sure they take note of our crime prevention advice.

"Anyone who has become a victim of such an offence and has yet to report this should contact Dorset Police immediately on the non-emergency number 101.

"We'd urge people to dismiss any calls they receive like this and report them to police by calling Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040."

Anyone with information relating to this crime should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101, quoting crime number C:14:X:10883.

Free health checks available

AT-risk people aged between 40 and 75 in Dorset are being invited for a 20-minute health check with their GP.

The scheme aims to help people lower their risk of developing common but often preventable diseases such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and kidney disease.

Anyone aged 40 to 75 who has not been diagnosed with any of the conditions listed above can take part in the scheme.

By spotting increased risk early, doctors can work with people to take steps to prevent anything more serious from developing. If a risk is found, then that may mean some lifestyle changes such as eating a healthier diet, cutting down on alcohol, or increasing physical activity.

A recently-published review by Public Health England revealed that 650 lives across the country could be saved while 1,600 heart attacks and 4,000 cases of diabetes could be prevented each year if all those eligible took advantage of health checks.

The campaign is particularly targeting men in their 40s, which is the group with the lowest uptake.

Dr David Phillips, director of Public Health Dorset, said: "As people are now living longer lives, it's more important to make sure they are spent in good health.

"A free and easy health check can flag up potential issues that can be dealt with, usually with just a few minor changes to the person's lifestyle."

To receive a health check, visit your GP or participating pharmacy.

Follow the new Hardy trail

FROM left Jessica Thornton, Tourism Marketing Officer at West Dorset District Council; Mike Nixon, Secretary of the Thomas Hardy Society; Councillor Robert Gould, Leader of West Dorset District Council; and Ali Goff, Front of house Manager at Dorset County Museum

A NEW version of a Thomas Hardy trail leaflet featuring images from the forthcoming major film adaptation of "Far from the Madding Crowd" is out now.

The new leaflet aims to help visitors explore parts of Dorset which inspired Thomas Hardy throughout his lifetime. It includes a trail which links together where he lived, the towns and villages he wrote about and the church where his heart is buried – all within easy reach of Dorchester.

Visitor attractions featured include the Dorset County Museum which houses the largest Hardy collection in the world and Athelhampton House and Gardens of which Thomas Hardy himself was a regular visitor.

For film location fans, the leaflet highlights where several major TV and film adaptations of Hardy's novels have been filmed in the area. Most recently Sherborne and Mapperton House near Beaminster welcomed Hollywood A-listers Carey Mulligan and Tom Sturridge for Thomas Vinterberg's adaptation of "Far from the Madding Crowd".

The Thomas Hardy Society and the tourism team of the West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council have joined forces to publish the new leaflet which will help visitors to explore and enjoy this beautiful area so loved by Hardy. The updated version of the leaflet now features information on Weymouth and Portland in addition to West Dorset.

Robert Gould, Leader of West Dorset District Council, said: "Thomas Hardy gives Dorset a unique selling point, which helps our tourism industry to compete in domestic and international markets.

"This new leaflet will be distributed widely and will feature on our website www.visit-dorset.com. With the forthcoming release of 'Far from the Madding Crowd' we can expect a lot of interest in Thomas Hardy in 2014."

Mike Nixon, secretary of the Thomas Hardy Society, said: "We were pleased to work with the councils' tourism team to produce this new leaflet. As a society we are keen to encourage new interest in Thomas Hardy and this leaflet gives visitors a good overview of the beautiful area of Dorset in which he lived and worked.

"The leaflet should appeal to those already knowledgeable about Hardy aswell as those wishing to learn more."

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Electric wheelchairs or mobility scooters can be leased on the scheme from as low as £14.00 per week with no service or repair costs during the agreement.

As well as powered wheelchairs and scooters, available through the Motability Scheme or to buy, the large Mobility showrooms also offers a wide range of mobility products, from rise and recliner chairs, stairlifts and adjustable beds and an extensive selection of daily living aids.

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Richard Binnie, store manager at Poundbury commented:

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Respite Care in the heart of Bridport

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Last weeks menu included such delights as Chicken and Vegetable Pie, Lamb Casserole with Dumplings, Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding, Chicken thighs, and Cod Fillet. All of course served with fresh, seasonal vegetables. Desserts included Fruit Mess, Apple Pie and Custard, Fruit Sundae, Gateau, and Fruit Crumble with Custard.

This is what two regular visitors said about Chancery House:

"It's wonderful. I come here 4 days a week and I really enjoy the company as I live in Shipton Gorge and if I stayed at home I'd be lonely. I've been coming here for 11 or 12 years now, and I don't know what I'd do without it. The food is fanatstic; I've never had a complaint in all these years. I wish more people would come here and support the centre. If we had to shut it down it would be hugely missed in the community."

Nesta Symes

"It's wonderful to come here every day and mix with everybody. Everyone knows one another, and we have all become great friends. There is always someone here to help you, and I come in every day I can. It's great to have somewhere to come everyday to see your friends, and to make new friends as well. The food is always great as well, I have no complaints!"

Cyril Hardy

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Fairfield House

Congratulations Stephanie Gape!

STEPHANIE Gape has recently been promoted to Deputy Manager, having just completed a course in Communication and Care-Giving in Dementia: A Positive Vision with Dr Gemma Jones who co found the Alzheimer Café. Stephanie will now be mentoring staff to enrich the lives of our residents who have dementia.

▲ Stephanie Gape, Deputy Manager

Have a Chatter with Knit and Knatter

KNIT and Knatter is Fairfield House's very popular knitting club whose oldest member is 105!

Knitting is a very therapeutic activity, providing something to aim towards completing, whilst keeping the hands and the mind active. We have found that even residents who have not knitted for many years or who have dementia have just picked up some knitting and automatically carried on doing it without any instruction or guidance.

Our knitting club began back in 2012 when a resident called Enid joined us, who is an avid knitter. We are always keen to encourage and support residents with their hobbies and try to ensure that they maintain links with the local community.

Each week we meet to discuss and share patterns, projects and ideas – often over a glass of sherry!

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Broadwindsor House

Beautiful building and surroundings

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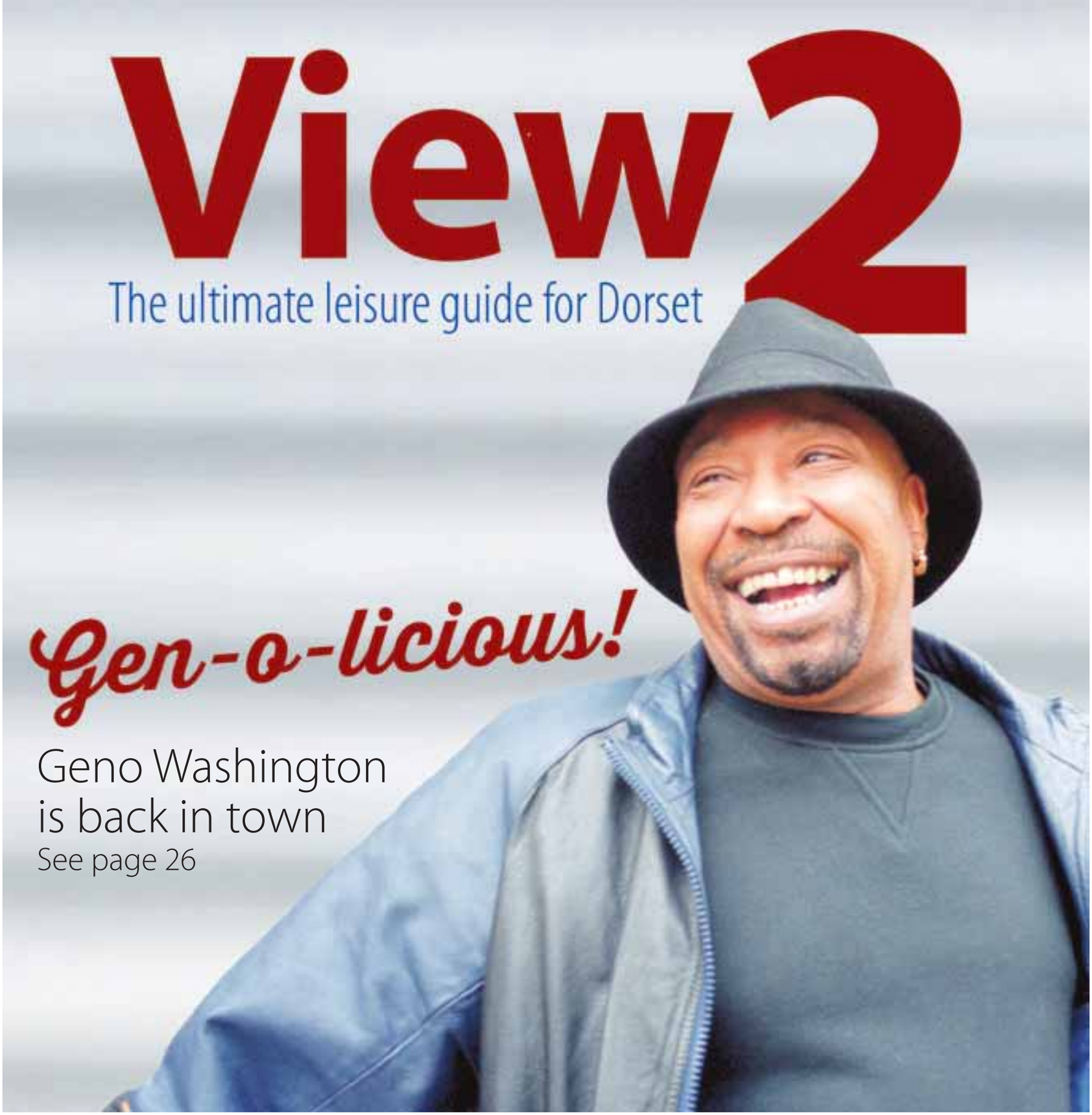

Gen-o-licious!

Geno Washington is back in town

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TRANSMISSION

YOUR GUIDE TO LOCAL LIVE MUSIC

the gigs

Wednesday 26 March
Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Martin Taylor OBE
+ support from Adam Sweet
Doors 6.30pm. £15+bf adv
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Friday 28 March
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Up Close & Personal: Al Goodwin in the Stage Door Bar
Doors 7pm.
£6.50 adv/ £7.50 door

Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
Jazz In The Cafe: Heather Wensley and Philip Clouts
8pm. £10/£9/£7

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Transformer: RM Hubbert & Rachael Dadd
8pm. £5 on the door.
18+ or 16+ with adult

Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
Gypsy Fire
Doors 7.30pm. £12/£10
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Saturday 29 March
Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Real Deal

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Electric Landlady *9.30pm*

Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
O'Hooley & Tidow
8pm. £10/£9/£7

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Jazz All Stars
Doors 2pm.
£7 adults (£5 children) + bf adv

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Hi Life Club Night: Fip Fok Special
10pm. £5 on the door.
18+ or 16+ with adult
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Sunday 30 March
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Griff Daniels & Nikki Mascal *4-6pm*
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Tuesday 1 April
Olive Tree Restaurant, 59 East St, BRIDPORT
Bernardo: Italian Guitar *7.30-10pm*
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Saturday 12 April
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
Southern Tenant Folk Union
8pm. £10/£9

Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
Rag Mama Rag
Doors 7.30pm. £13/£11/£6.50
adv £14/£12/£7 door
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Saturday 19 April
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Buddy Holly and The Cricketers
Doors 7.45pm.
£13.50, £11.50 concs.
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Tuesday 22 April
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
The Bucky-Don'ts
1.30pm. Free admission.
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FEEL-GOOD FIZZ AT THIS YEAR'S LYME JAZZ WEEKEND

THIS year's line up for the Lyme Regis Jazz & Blues Weekend promises a feel-good roster of crowd-pleasing acts to suit all tastes. Whether hot and funky, cool and contemporary, swinging or soulful, the festival, held over the last weekend in May, kicks off another summer of music in Lyme Regis.

The festival explodes on Friday night with what promises to be the funkiest club night south of the North Pole, courtesy of **Jelly Jazz** hot foot from a string of successful gigs around the South West. Spinning the decks with jazz-infused floor-fillers, DJs Peter Isaac and DJ Griff, will set the mood for a live set from FRESHLY SQUEEZED, a hi-energy eight piece funk band with a latin vibe guaranteed to get revellers dancing the night away. If you love da funk, you're gonna love this!

Saturday sees the return of the traditional **Umbrella Parade**, led by Gerry Brown and The Mission Hall Band down Broad Street at 11am and onto the seafront. Contestants and visitors alike are invited to give decorating their brollies a twirl for a chance to win a prize for the best entries. So saddle up those brollie trolleys for a morning of colour, sound and family fun.

Stick around on the seafront and enjoy Arcadia playing everything from trad jazz to swing in Jubilee Pavilion until 2pm. And those who like their jazz played New Orleans-style can catch Gerry Brown and his band, hot foot from the Brollie Parade, in concert at Marine Theatre from 2.30.

Later in the evening, it's **Saturday Swing Fever** at Marine Theatre, courtesy of the Pedigree Jazz Band, playing everything from jazz to blues, in a recreation of the 1930s and 40s. A dance masterclass will have you dancing like pros - jumpin' and jivin' by way of the Lindy Hop then slinkin' and sliding to the Blues. Prizes for best vintage outfits. A great night of music, movement and uninhibited fun.

New this year, on Sunday morning, Marine Theatre will host a scrumptious **Jazz Brunch** of impossibly cool jazz courtesy of Philip Clouts, on piano and Heather Wensley's sultry blues vocals whilst feasting on a specially created menu by one of Lyme's favourites, Aroma Cafe. At £10, including brunch, this session is an absolute steal and a chilled prelude to a barn-storming finale later on Sunday night.

And by popular demand, 60s soul-man, **Geno Washington & Yo-Yos**, returns to Marine Theatre for Sunday night's feel-good finale. He left last year's sell-out crowd gagging for more with his groove driven 60s soul and R&B. He's hot, he's sweaty, he's the real thing – don't miss him.

Julie Sheppard, the festival's publicist said "we've got a good mix of jazz and blues this year – we've retained some traditional elements and introduced some new gigs to appeal to different audiences. Whoever you are or whatever rocks your boat, the emphasis will be on having a good time. Whether you groove to latin funk, swing to the lindy hop or shimmy to 60s soul, there's something for you".

Tickets for all events are on sale from the Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138. Events are individually priced but a Weekend Stroller Ticket at just £45 includes admission to all events at Marne Theatre over the weekend including the Jazz Brunch. More details on www.lymeregisjazzfestival.co.uk/ or via Facebook.

Geno Washington

GYPSY FIRE

Join four world-class musicians in a performance of breathtaking virtuosity and boundless energy...

GYPSY Fire take you on a journey of gypsy swing, classical and jazz music to delight your senses. This award winning quartet bring their brand new show 'The Acoustic Spectacular' (premiered at the Royal Albert Hall) to Dorchester, featuring a feast of surprises: flames, dynamic lighting and video blended with irresistible melodic and rhythmic drive.

Expect beauty, excitement and boundless energy in this musical white knuckle ride!

Gypsy Fire play at Dorchester Arts Centre this Friday, March 28th. Doors and bar open at 7.30pm for 8pm start.

Tickets £12 / £10 To book online visit the website at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or ring Dorchester Arts 01305 266926 or Tourist Information Centre 01305 267992

Gypsy Fire

THE LEON HUNT N-TET LIVE

AFTER more than twenty-five years of playing almost every style of music, except the one usually associated with the banjo, renowned 5-string player Leon Hunt decided it was time to get back to playing some good old-fashioned bluegrass.

Hunt and long-time musical collaborator Jason Titley had been discussing the possibility of putting a bluegrass band together for a while, but it was the death of the original architect of the bluegrass banjo style, Earl Scruggs, in 2012 that provided them with the impetus to get the ball rolling.

Bass player and vocalist Ben Somers (who can also be seen playing saxophone for the likes of Dizzee Rascal and Seal) and Hayseed Dixie mandolinist Joe Hymas joined forces with arguably the UK's best bluegrass guitarist Jason Titley, and Leon Hunt on banjo to form The Leon Hunt n-Tet. Following a memorable performance at Purbeck Folk Festival last summer, the band is back in Dorset to play homage to Scruggs with tracks from their debut album 'Farewell Blues'. Expect an evening of superb musicianship from this traditional bluegrass band.

The Leon Hunt n-Tet play at Powerstock Hut (01308 485264) on Friday, March 28th at 7.30pm; and Sturminster Marshall Village Hall. (01258 858311) on Saturday, March 29th at 7.30pm. For more details visit www.artsreach.co.uk

the venues

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How will George Osborne's budget for 'Makers, Doers and Savers' affect small businesses and people in Somerset?

THIS is a Budget for the makers, the doers and the savers," said Chancellor George Osborne when he delivered his fifth budget on Wednesday 19 March. "You have earned it; you have saved it and this Government is on your side." Despite criticism from Labour leader Ed Miliband, Mr Osborne's message to the nation's tax payers has resonated well with leaders of Britain's business community, such as the British Chambers of Commerce, whose director general John Longworth said: "Business wanted a Budget that was disciplined, focused and geared towards the creation of wealth and jobs - and that's what the Chancaellor has delivered."

Certainly Ilminster based Chartered Accountant Robert Stone believes that Somerset businesses and individual tax payers have plenty of positives to take from the Budget. "A freeze on duty on West Country ordinary cider will help Somerset's cider producers, while there are some interesting initiatives to encourage housebuilding, which will benefit both local companies involved in construction and property, as well as people looking to buy."

Robert was pleased to see that savers will be rewarded with higher tax-free limits for ISAs and premium bonds later this year, together with a cut on savings income from 2015.

"However, anyone using tax avoidance schemes is going to be extremely disappointed, as the Government has continued its policy of tightening up on tax loopholes. They will have to pay the tax avoided up front, while tax loopholes used by groups of companies are blocked. The rules for Venture Capital Trusts (VCT) schemes are also being tightened up to deter abuse."

Main summary of key areas in 2014 Budget likely to affect Somerset businesses and individuals

Business Taxes - Budget 2014

"Generally the Budget George Osborne has delivered is a good news story, particularly for business investment, which is still below pre-recession levels.

"One of the biggest surprises was an increase in the annual investment allowance (AIA) to £500,000 from April this year is designed to encourage small businesses to invest in equipment and will mean that up to 99.8% of businesses could receive 100% upfront relief on equipment and fixtures (excluding cars and buildings) in the year of purchase. However, it's a case of take advantage now or lose it, because the AIA will revert back to £25,000 after 31 December 2015.

"Innovative businesses will be rewarded by the increase in the Research & Development tax credits. This is awarded according to the size of the business, so small and medium businesses (SMEs) receive 225% of qualifying expenditure and large businesses get 130%. If an SME is making a loss, then it can claim a cash credit from HMRC of 11%-14.5% from 1 April 2014.

"Businesses in some of the country's 46 Enterprise Zones can claim 100% capital allowances on the equipment they use within the zone. The time allowed to claim these allowances has been extended for another three years to 31 March 2020.

Individual Tax Payers - Budget 2014

"The increase in the personal allowance from £10,000 to £10,500 in 2015 will be worth about £100 to the average taxpayer, on top of which a transferrable married couple's allowance of £1,050 will help basic rate taxpayers from 2015."

"The 10% starting rate tax band for savings income is to be reduced to 0% from April 2015 and more people will be able to receive gross interest thanks to the threshold for savings income being raised to £5,000.

"A particular highlight of Mr Osborne's Budget is the new "super ISA", which with its £15,000 tax free yearly limit is destine to be the most "far-reaching reform since 1921" of the way pensions are taxed.

"The Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS), which was introduced in 2012 to encourage investment in small companies has now been made permanent with the income tax and capital gains tax reliefs applying for all future years.

"The Government has announced improvements to its new tax-free childcare scheme with relief of 20% on the costs of childcare up to a total of £10,000 per child per year. The scheme will be worth a maximum of £2,000 per child and will be launched in autumn 2015.

Pensioners - Budget 2014

"The pension reforms to this year's budget are quite radical with the following changes being introduced from 27 March 2014:

A person who wishes to take their pension as "drawdown" instead of buying an annuity will have to prove they have £12,000 of other income in retirement, rather than £20,000.

The capped drawdown withdrawal limit will increase from 120% to 150% of an equivalent annuity.

The total pension savings which can be taken as a lump sum will increase from £18,000 to £30,000.

The maximum size of a small pension pot which can be taken as a lump sum (regardless of total pension wealth) will increase from £2,000 to £10,000; and

The number of personal pots that can be taken under these small pot rules will increase from two to three.

"In addition the Chancellor proposes to change the rules for defined contribution pension schemes from April 2015 so that individuals will have complete freedom in how they access their pension savings. Buying an annuity will not be a requirement on retirement and the 55% tax charge on withdrawing too much from a pension fund will be removed. But most importantly everyone will be offered free and impartial advice on how to best use their pension savings and I would certainly recommend that people take advice on their pension savings if they are retiring in the next year."

"Finally, bingo playing pensioners will be delighted to know that from 30 June 2014, the percentage of bingo promotion profits paid in duty will be cut from 20% to 10%."

Robert Stone is available to give advice to businesses or individuals on any aspects of the Government's Budget 2014. Telephone Robert on: 01460 55661 or email him: robert@robert-stone.co.uk. Alternatively visit www.robert-stone.co.uk

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Starting up a business, a guide from GOV.UK

Start with an idea

IF YOU'RE thinking of starting up a business, you'll first need to come up with a realistic idea that you can turn into a product or service. Find local support, including help with developing business ideas, on the National Enterprise Network website.

Register your idea

You might have already come up with an idea for a business you think there's a market for, or invented something you think people will want to buy. Find out how to register your idea to make sure nobody copies it without your permission.

Turn your idea into a business

1. Research your market - identify potential customers. Talk to them and find out if your idea is meeting a real need.
2. Develop and plan - test your product or service with real customers, make changes, and test it again. Keep doing this until you're sure there's a demand for it.
3. Find partners and suppliers - think about who you're going to work with to develop and sell your idea.
4. Set up your business - work out which legal structure is right for you, and whether you want to sell shares.
5. Get funding - explore different sources of business finance, from bank loans to government-backed schemes.

If you're unemployed, you might be able to get support and financial help from Jobcentre Plus.

Contact the Business Link Helpline for help and advice on starting or growing your business.

Business Link Helpline 0845 600 9006 Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm

Part 2: Research your market

Test your business idea with potential customers to check if there's real demand for what you're planning to sell. This lets you find out about any problems and fix them before you've wasted too much time, effort and money.

Watch a video on researching your market to understand your customers' needs.

1. Identify potential customers. Talk to them and find out about their needs.
2. If you can, make a basic version of your product or service (a 'prototype'). Work out the cheapest and quickest way of making something that lets you find out if you're meeting a real customer need.
3. Test it with them and get feedback. Find out what they'd be willing to pay for it. Try out different prices with different customers in a consistent, realistic way to see what people will really pay. Can you make enough money for a return on your investment?
4. If there are other businesses competing for your market, think about what will make you different. Can you provide something better than what's already available?

Example

If you're in retail you could try different opening hours or home delivery. You could aim for a specific group of customers who aren't being targeted by other businesses (a 'market niche'), make something that's easier to use than competitors' products, or meet a customer need by solving a problem that nobody's ever solved before.

If you're starting a retail business, think about testing your idea by taking a short-term lease on premises for a few weeks or months. Watch videos on choosing your business premises, and deciding whether to rent or buy.

Part 3: Develop and plan

Develop and change your idea based on what you've found out about your customers' needs before investing. Deal with any problems you've found with your product or service, including the way you're planning to make and sell it.

Go back to your customers and test again.

Keep doing this until you're confident that they'll be willing to pay what you're asking, and that you're meeting their needs.

If there's no real demand for your idea, think about changing it completely. Is there another product, service or market that uses your skills and resources in a different way?

Write a business plan

A business plan is a good way to sum up:

- the customer need you're aiming to meet
- how your business will meet that need while making a profit

It should clearly show the results of your customer research, and that you're able to explain how you can turn your idea into viable business before you invest lots of time and money.

Your plan can also be a very helpful tool to convince other people of the value of your business. This includes potential partners and sources of funding.

Part 4: Find partners and suppliers

Many businesses start with just one person, known as a 'sole trader'. If you set up as a sole trader you'll be self-employed, which means you'll be your own boss. You'll also be responsible for:

- managing your own time
- looking after all of your company's admin and accounts
- taking risks with your own money, particularly if you're leaving full-time employment

Whether you set up as a sole trader, partnership or limited company, your business is likely to involve working with more people to develop and sell your idea - including partners, suppliers and distributors.

Partners

Finding a co-founder with relevant skills and knowledge that are different to yours lets you focus on what you're best at.

For example, you might be selling a product you invented, or a service that uses a particular skill or talent you have, but not have any hands-on experience of running a business. If so, you might want to work with someone who has business and management skills, and can look after things like financial planning and recruitment.

Consider working with several partners in a team. You'll be able to share responsibilities including risk, getting funding, expertise and sharing contacts.

Suppliers

Whether you're making a product and you need raw materials, or supplies and equipment to run your service, many businesses need to work closely with suppliers.

Search online and talk to other businesses. Draw up a list of potential suppliers. Get estimates, then go and talk to them so you can:

- negotiate prices
- start to develop relationships
- get a sense of which suppliers are reliable and trustworthy

You'll need to agree on payment terms with your suppliers, and get them in writing. This includes your 'trade credit' period (how many days you agree to pay invoices within), and whether they can offer you discounts for things like buying in bulk or quick payments.

You'll also need to find suppliers for the equipment you'll need to run your business, including your IT systems.

Getting your product to market

If you're planning to sell your product in shops and expand outside of your local area, you'll need to work with a distributor. If you're selling overseas, consider [working with a freight forwarder] /freight-forwarding-moving-goods "Freight forwarders: moving goods") who can deal with exporting your goods.

Build a website

You can also attract customers and increase awareness by setting up a website for your business. Search online for resources, as well as local web design and development companies you can work with.

You may also be able to sell your product or service directly through your website.

Part 5: Set up your business

You'll need to decide which legal structure is right for your business before you register and start trading.

It's important to understand the different risks and benefits before you choose - whether you set up as a sole trader, limited company or partnership affects:

- the amount of financial risk you're taking on
- the way you'll need to pay tax, and report to HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and Companies House (for limited companies and some types of partnership)
- how much control you have over how your business is run

Employing people

If you'll need extra help or people with specific skills to run your business, you might decide to take on employees. Find out about your legal responsibilities as an employer, including things like pay, tax and insurance, before you start employing staff.

You'll need to register as an employer with HMRC if you want to employ people, even if you're a sole trader.

Working with advisers

Make sure you get an estimate from any advisers you work with, and agree in advance what they will do.

Some advisers will charge an hourly fee, and others may offer a fixed price for a piece of work. It's always worth getting several quotes before you decide who to use, so you can compare prices and make sure you'll be able to work well together.

Accountants

An accountant can help with things like financial advice and managing growth. You can also appoint them as an 'agent' to deal with your tax affairs, submit your VAT returns and deal with HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) on your behalf.

Legal advisers

You should also consider getting legal advice when setting up your business. This is particularly important if you want to sell shares.

Part 6: Get funding

When you start a business, there'll usually be period when you're investing lots of time, effort and money before you start making a profit. It's important to research your market to make sure your customers will really pay for your product or service before you do this.

Once you're confident that they will, you should explore different sources of funding to help with the costs of starting up your business.

Government schemes

If you need some initial funding to test and develop your business idea, you might be able to get help from a government-backed support scheme.

Get a bank loan

Once you can show that there's a market for your idea, one option for funding your start-up costs is getting a bank loan. You'll need to be able to:

- give the bank realistic cash flow forecasts
- prove that you'll be able to pay back the loan with interest

The bank might require you to provide security against your loan, like your house or car, in case you don't repay. You should think carefully about how much risk you're willing to take on before you get a loan or give any personal guarantees.

Museum celebrates 40 years of Terracotta Warriors

40 YEARS ago on March 29th 1974 a group of Chinese farmers made one of the most spectacular archaeological discoveries of the 20th Century – the terracotta warriors. The farmers had been digging a well near the tomb of the first Emperor of China when they broke into the pit of warriors. Archaeologists investigated and came across a pit holding some 6,000 life-size terracotta statues.

The discovery of the terracotta warriors caused worldwide fascination and they have become known as the eighth wonder of the ancient world. To celebrate the anniversary of their discovery the Terracotta Warriors Museum in Dorchester will be giving visitors to the museum on Saturday, March 29th an exquisite statue of a kneeling crossbowman in a presentation box.

The Terracotta Warriors Museum, in Dorchester, has a small but inspiring group of the terracotta warriors representing different types such as a general, a crossbowman and a charioteer. They are life-size and were specially replicated by museum and conservation technicians in China. Also featured in the Museum are costumed recreations of the First Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang di, and his uniformed officers plus some of the associated armour.

The Terracotta Warriors Museum is at the lower end of High East Street in Dorchester, the county town of Dorset. It is open daily from 10am to 4pm. The anniversary of the discovery of the terracotta army is on Saturday, March 29th and all visitors to the museum on that day will be given a figure of a kneeling crossbowman. For further information phone 01305 266040 or visit www.terracottawarriors.co.uk

Up Close and Personal with Al Goodwin

GET up close and personal with the latest must-see of the music world, at the Marine Theatre.

Originally hailing from Yorkshire, acoustic singer/songwriter, Al Goodwin, is rapidly rising into recognition on the music scene. Taking time out from his successful string of performances in theatres and music venues around the UK, including The Union Theatre (London) and Hoxton Square (London), Goodwin will be performing an intimate one-night only performance in the Stage Door Bar at the Marine Theatre on Friday, March 28th at 8pm.

Increasingly renowned for his warm, honest and truly powerful performances, Al is no stranger to the hard grind of life and is clearly not afraid to bare his soul. His sincere lyrics and fully charged acoustic guitar playing are laced with a strength, compassion and humour that verges on intoxicating.

His new album, 'Birth, Death and in Between' is soaring him to further heights of deserved and inevitable praise, resulting in a label signing in the USA and the recent completion of a documentary recording for television which captures his musical journey and career.

Experiencing a live performance with Al is like hanging out with an old friend with some really great songs thrown in. A richly rewarding experience that comes with a lingering afterglow.

Al Goodwin plays at The Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Friday, March 28th, at 8.00pm (Doors and bar open: 7.00pm).

Tickets cost £6.50 in advance or £7.50 on the door. To book tickets, contact TIC on 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

To celebrate Al Goodwin's performance in Lyme Regis, The Marine Theatre is iving away three copies of his new album. Simply tweet @**marinetheatre** your answer to the following question:

What is the name of Al Goodwin's new album?

The first three people to the answer the question correctly will win a copy of the album.

Help needed for wealthy investment banker whose life is spiralling out of control

POWER Games, an entertaining and interactive dance show that will have you laughing and talking to the person next to you, is coming to Bridport on Friday, March 28th, 7.30pm

It tells the story of Deepack, a selfish investment banker who likes the high life, including alcohol and gambling. The twist is that the audience decides his fate in a fun TV game show style format.

Audience members will be given two cards when they enter the theatre and will have to make a series of decisions for Deepak. Should he meet friends or stay at home? You decide! You could help him to lead a more wholesome life – or you could lead him into more trouble.

The show is brought to us by Ipswich-based Altered Skin, a newly formed company led by Shane Shambhu. They aim to represent modern society and are inspired by traditional South Asian dance form Bharatanatyam. The mix of theatre, dance and visual storytelling is beautiful, but most of all it's fun.

Come along and take Deepack's life in your hands on Friday, March 28th at 7.30pm.

Tickets £10 Members and £8 Concessions. The Arts Centre will reserve 20 x £3 tickets for people in receipt of benefit. Please call the box office on (01308) 424204 or visit www.bridport-arts.com for more information

UNTIED ARTISTS PRESENT 'FOR THEIR OWN GOOD'

TWO knackermen, a horse, a gun and a tiny metropolis full of death. Can the way we kill animals teach us anything about our own demise?

Accompanied by some exquisitely crafted puppets, including a life-size horse, Tom and his new apprentice Scott investigate the pitfalls of being high up the evolutionary chain. While Tom tries to teach Scott the "Creed of the Knackerman", and the ethics of killing, his own life starts to unravel. He begins to wonder if someone will approach his eventual death with the same care and attention that the beasts receive on entering his yard.

For Their Own Good is eclectic in style, taking source material from interviews and documentary footage of veterinary surgeries, farms, abattoirs, hospitals and homes. It tells a moving and comic tale about the only certainty in life; death, how it's become removed from us as a process, and how maybe we should reclaim it.

The show won a prestigious FRINGE FIRST AWARD 2013 at Edinburgh Fringe, and featured in London's Suspense puppet festival last year to a host of great reviews.

This is thought provoking work that deals with strong subject matter with gallows humour and a lightness of touch. You will be pushed to find a performance more original and powerful.

Untied artists perform *For Their Own Good* at Bridport Arts Centre TONIGHT (Wednesday, March 26th at 7.30pm; and at The Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Thursday, March 27th.

Tickets are £10/ £8 concessions for each venue, and are available on the respective websites at www.bridport-art.com or www.marinetheatre.com

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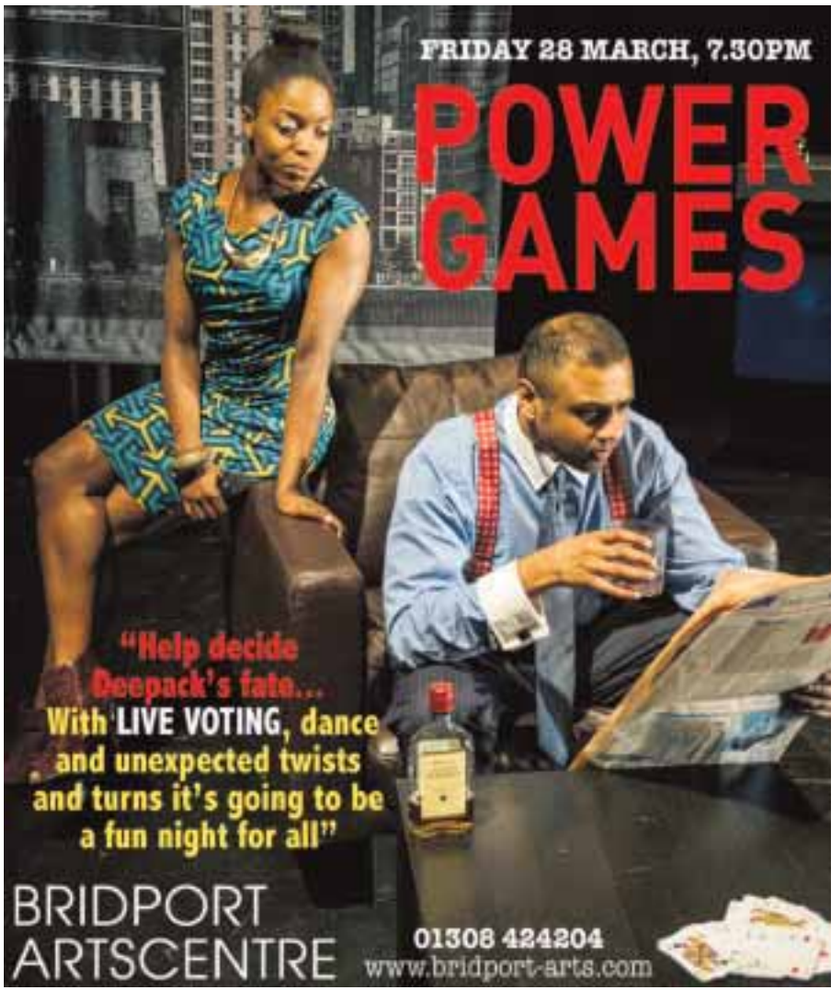

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TUESDAY MARCH 25TH

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Camera Club. Anniversary Trophy: 2 entries - 'Images of Dorset', 2 entries - Portraits. At Beaminster Sports Pavilion at 7.30pm.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Society talk by Keith Shaw on 'Monique Bellingham - Lyme's Canadienne'. Keith will talk about the trials and tribulations of her life, her family and how a fur trader's daughter from Indian Territory came to live in Lyme for 30 years and make such a lasting impressions on the town. The meeting takes place at Woodmead Hall at 2.30pm. Entry £1.50 including refreshments. Everyone welcome.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 26TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair Based Exercises for the older person 11.15am - 12.30pm at Martinstown Village Hall. £5 per class. All Welcome. A nice exercise with strengthening and stretching and lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886.

UPLYME: AGM followed by a talk 'Making the Most of Veg' by Nick Rigden, at Uplyme Village Hall, from 7.30pm. Members free, Non Members £3. Details 01297 444034 or www.ulrhs.wordpress.com. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society

THURSDAY MARCH 27TH

CHIDEOCK: Whist at the village hall, from 7.30pm.

FRIDAY MARCH 28TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting, at Woodmead Halls, from 7.30pm. Stephen Banks will give his talk on time-lapse photography including his Bridport by Night and Dorset by Night videos. For more details call 01297 444733 or visit www.lymebayphotographicclub.org

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music (low impact) 50+. 3pm - 4.30pm at the W.I Hall George Street, West Bay. £5 per class. All Welcome. A good workout (no floor) with lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886.

DORCHESTER: Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust - Dorchester Area Group – Jim Boudreau presents a slide show titled "Britannia to Evening Star - A Standard view" in the Dorset Room, Colliton Club, opposite County Hall, Dorchester, 7.30pm. Admission £2 Further info Tel: 01305 262121

BRIDPORT: Cake Stall at Smith & Smith (8 West Street) for Wear A Hat Day - raising money for research into brain tumours in children. From 10am. Any offers of baking will be gratefully received. Owner Sue England will also make a donation for every hat sold during the week.

SATURDAY MARCH 29TH

CERNE ABBAS: Captain Thunderbolt Barn Dance Band and caller Angela Laycock at Cerne Abbas Village Hall in Kettle Bridge Lane, 7.30pm. Tickets £7/£20 (family) in advance 07790 126740. Real ale and home-made snacks available.

SALWAY ASH, BRIDPORT: Brit Valley Rotary Club presents Big Band Evening with the Wessex Big Band at Salway Ash Village Hall from 7.30pm. Tickets £10. BYO food and drink. All monies raised towards Rotary Club Charities. Fot tickets and more details call 01308 458911 or email info@thelettingfactory.com

MONDAY MARCH 31ST

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music (low impact) 40+, from 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall, North Street. £5 per class. All welcome. A good workout with lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886

TUESDAY APRIL 1ST

DORCHESTER: Le Cercle Francais de Dorchester (aka the Dorchester French Circle) meeting. Jim Millard will review Andrew Marr's book on the making of modern Britain and its themes will be discussed. Tea and coffee from 7.30 pm at the United Church, in the Tolpuddle Room, review will start at 8 pm. Access is from the Charles Street car park. Please feel free to join us,whatever your level of spoken French. For further information and to see our full programme please visit the website www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025

WEDNESDAY APRIL 2ND

MARTINSTOWN: Chair Based Exercises for the older person 11.15am - 12.30pm at Martinstown Village Hall. £5 per class. All Welcome. A nice exercise with strengthening & stretching and lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886.

DORCHESTER: The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938) will be shown at Evergreens Cinema at Age UK Dorchester, 4 Prince of Wales Road (DT1 1PW).

THURSDAY APRIL 3RD

BRIDPORT: Bridport Electronic Organ Club Concert with Elizabeth Harrison. At United Church Hall, East Street. Doors 7pm, concerts 7.30pm. Membership £4 per year. Concert admission: members £7, visitors £8.

CHIDEOCK: Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.

FRIDAY APRIL 4TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music (low impact) 50+. 3pm - 4.30pm at the W.I Hall George Street, West Bay. £5 per class. All Welcome. A good workout (no floor) with lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886.

SATURDAY APRIL 5TH

BEAMINSTER: Organ recital at St.Mary's Church, Beaminster at 3-00p.m. by Glen Dempsey, currently the Organ Scholar at St. George's Chapel,Windsor. He has recently won the Organ Scholarship to St.John's College, Cambridge. Programme to include works by J.S.Bach, Schumann,Mendelssohn and Flor Peeters. Tickets £12 on the door,from Yarn Barton,Beaminster or Bridport Music.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Bowls Club Coffee Morning. Various stalls and raffle, 10am-12noon at the Club House, Priory Lane.

WEYMOUTH: Weymouth Choral Society Easter concert at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church. John Stainer's 'The Crucifixion' and seasonal works by Howard Goodall, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Edward Elgar. Tickets £12 (free for under-16s) available on the door.

MONDAY APRIL 7TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport The Annual General Meeting of the Bridport & District Branch of the RNLI will be held at The Haddon House Hotel, West Bay, at 7.30pm for 7.45pm. Visitors are most welcome to attend. Information from Jim on 01308 421021

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music (low impact) 40+, from 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall, North Street. £5 per class. All welcome. A good workout with lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886

WEDNESDAY APRIL 9TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair Based Exercises for the older person 11.15am - 12.30pm at Martinstown Village Hall. £5 per class. All Welcome. A nice exercise with strengthening & stretching and lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886.

THURSDAY APRIL 10TH

CHIDEOCK: Whist at the village hall, from 7.30pm.

FRIDAY APRIL 11TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Phil Wells Competition; Triptych of 3 related images. At Woodmead Halls, from 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733 or visit www.lymebayphotographicclub.org

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BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm, St Martin's Community Hall, (Next to the Church),Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH

BRIDPORT: Coffee morning and stalls for cakes,bric-a-brac, books and a raffle at Bridport United Church hall from 10a.m.to 12noon.Organised by the Friends of West Dorset Music.

UPLYME: Ballroom, Latin and some Sequence Dancing at the village hall, 8-10.30pm. £4.50 per person in aid of hall funds. For more details call 01297 442439.

CHARMOUTH: Royal British Legion, Womens Section, Charmouth Branch. Easter Coffee Morning with stalls at the Village Hall, Wesley Close. 10am-12noon. Admission £1 to include Tea or Coffee. Everybody Welcome.

MONDAY APRIL 14TH

BEAMINSTER: Dorset Moviola present 'Saving Mr Banks' (cert PG) at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from 01308 862796, or email jeanowen@uwclub.net, or £5.50 on the door.

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THURSDAY APRIL 17TH

CHIDEOCK: Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.

SATURDAY APRIL 19TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Hedgehog Day from 10am to 3pm in Bridport Community Orchard, behind St Mary's Church, South Street. Acoustic musicians are welcome to play and take a collection (and keep all they collect).

MONDAY APRIL 21ST

BRIDPORT: Biodanza at Othona. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Monthly drop-in class (2nd and 4th Monday each month). Cost £7 (Concessions available - just ask). Free for Biodanza newbies! For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk

THURSDAY APRIL 24TH

CHIDEOCK: Whist at the village hall, from 7.30pm.

FRIDAY APRIL 25TH

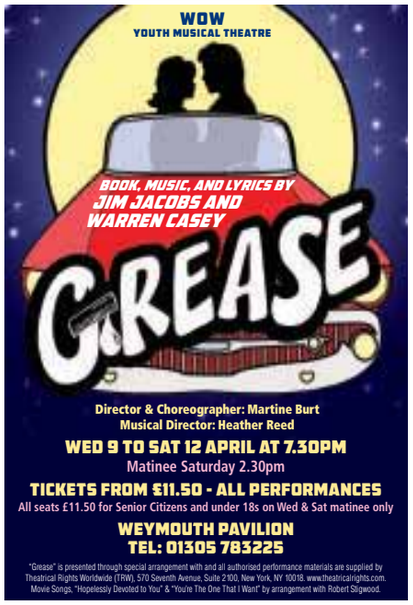
LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Viewing and judging of the following competitions: Cyril Nimo Trophy, Cobb Trophy and Jubilee Cup. At Woodmead Halls, 7.30-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733 or visit www.lymebayphotographicclub.org

MONDAY APRIL 28TH

BRIDPORT: Biodanza at Othona. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Monthly drop-in class (2nd and 4th Monday each month). Cost £7 (Concessions available - just ask). Free for Biodanza newbies! For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk

BRIDPORT: Prayer Meeting to pray for the flood victims and for the land to turn back to its Christian heritage. At St Mary's Church, 11am-12noon.

Youth Theatre



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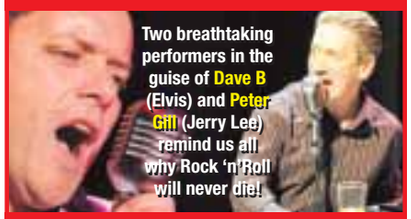

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5.15-6.15pm PILATES
6.00-7.15pm SILKS AERIAL COURSE ADULTS (16+)
6.30-7.30pm CIRCUITS
7.45-8.30pm GROUP STUDIO CYCLING
TUESDAY
6.30-7.30pm ZUMBA
WEDNESDAY
4.00-6.00pm GYMNASTICS
6.00-6.45pm GROUP STUDIO CYCLING
6.00-7.00pm BFIT RUNNING CLUB
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Grease Ready to Rock the Pavilion Stage!

GREASE, the fast moving rock 'n' roll musical, is this Easter's production by WOW Youth Musical Theatre, which will be staged at the Pavilion Theatre Wednesday to Saturday April 9-12.

Grease is the original High-School musical, featuring unforgettable songs from the hit movie including You're The One That I Want, Summer Nights, Hopelessly Devoted To You, Greased Lightnin' and many more. Add to that the electrifyin' dance moves and you have thrills galore in this sizzling show.

The show is being directed and choreographed by, former WOW member, Martine Burt. Martine has recently received, the 2013 NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) South West award for 'Outstanding Choreography' on WOW's previous show.

In 1990, Martine saw WOW perform *Grease* at the Pavilion and was motivated to audition for WOW. This was the foundation to her successful professional career and Martine said, "I hope this production of Grease will inspire the next generation of young people to develop their talents through musical theatre."

The roles made famous by John Travolta and Olivia Newton John in the film version go to 16-year-old Callum Heinrich and 18-year-old Imogen Carter, both playing leads for the first time. The cast of 44 has been enjoying a great time at floor rehearsals working with Martine together with musical director, Heather Reed and assistant director, Paul Jones.

In 1990, *Grease* cost nearly £9,000 to stage. This production is costing over £30,000 and WOW Chairman, Alan McKechan said, "We hope that this thrilling show will prove as much of a box office success as it did the last time WOW performed it."

Grease, with music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, was first performed in Chicago in 1971. The musical is set in 1959 at fictional Rydell High School. It follows ten working-class teenagers as they navigate the complexities of love against a score that recreates the sounds of early rock n' roll. From a Chicago fringe theatre to Broadway, Grease has been successful on both stage and screen running as one of the longest in Broadway history. It went on to become a West End hit and a hugely successful film. It remains Broadway's 15th longest-running show. The recent West End production has seen two former WOW members, Kerry Winter and Chloe Brooks (now Tweed) performing on separate occasions and both sharing the same role!

Grease is on from April 9th-12th at the Pavilion Theatre with afternoon and evening performances on the Saturday. Tickets are available from the Pavilion Box Office (01305 783225) or online at www.weymouthpavilion.co.uk Pre-show meals are also bookable through the Box Office.

READY FOR THE DANCE CONTEST | *Back row: Luke Muldoon (16), Alex Brazier (17), Charlotte Allen (16), Callum Heinrich (16), Oliver Tapley (13), Jasper Jarman-Norris (18), Reinebeau Anderson Dudley (15), Cassandra Grindley (16), Josh Brunell (18). Front row: George Lyons (15), Megan Sers (17), Fern Pritchard (17), Adrian Bevan (18)*

Cinema Listings

Friday, Mar 28th - Thursday, Apr 3rd
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LYME REGIS REGENT
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Captain America: The Winter Soldier PG
Fri, Mon, Tue, Thu: 19.50
Sat, Sun, Wed: 13.25, 16.40, 19.50
Rush 12A
Thu: 10.30am

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Captain America: The Winter Soldier 12A
Fri, Tue-Thu: 12.35, 13.15, 13.55, 14.50, 15.35, 16.15, 17.15, 17.55, 18.35, 19.35, 20.15, 20.55
Sat & Sun: 10.15, 10.55, 12.35, 13.15, 13.55, 14.50, 15.35, 16.15, 17.15, 17.55, 18.35, 20.15, 20.55
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Starred Up 18
Fri: 12.15, 19.15, 21.35
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Mon, Wed, Thu: 12.15, 19.15
Tue: 12.15
The Grand Budapest Hotel 15
Fri, Mon-Wed: 12.25, 14.45, 20.35
Sat & Sun: 20.35
Thu: 14.45, 20.35
Labor Day 15
Fri, Mon-Wed: 12.55, 15.30
Sat & Sun: 20.25
Thu: 12.55, 15.30, 20.25
About Last Night 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00
Need For Speed 12A
Fri-Wed: 17.10, 20.50, Thu: 17.10
A Long Way Down 15
Fri: 13.50, 18.35, 21.40
Sat: 18.35, 21.40, Sun: 18.35
Mon-Wed: 13.50, 18.35
Thu: 12.30, 18.05
The Lego Movie U
Fri, Mon-Wed: 16.10
Sat: 13.15, 15.40, Sun: 10.55, 13.15, 15.40
300: Rise Of An Empire 15
Fri-Wed: 18.00
Non-Stop 12A
Fri, Mon-Wed: 14.30, 20.25, Thu: 14.30
Muppets Most Wanted U
Fri, Mon, Tue, Thu: 12.40, 15.20, 17.00, 18.00, 20.00
Sat & Sun: 10.00, 11.40, 12.40, 14.20, 15.20, 17.00, 18.00, 20.00
Wed: 12.40, 17.00, 18.00, 20.00
Rio 2 U
Sat & Sun: 11.20, 12.25, 13.45, 14.45, 16.10
Turbo U
Sat & Sun: 10.15am
Frozen PG
Sat & Sun: 10.15am
Justin & The Nights of Valour PG
Sat: 10.00, 10.15am
Sun: 10.00am

This week's new cinema releases

CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE WINTER SOLDIER 12A
STEVE Rogers struggles to embrace his role in the modern world and battles a new threat from old history: the Soviet agent known as the Winter Soldier.

Stars Chris Evans, Frank Grillo, Sebastian Stan and Scarlett Johansson.

THE LEGEND OF HERCULES 15
THE origin story of the the mythical Greek hero. Betrayed by his stepfather, the King, and exiled and sold into slavery because of a forbidden love, Hercules must use his formidable powers to fight his way back to his rightful kingdom.

Stars Kellan Lutz, Gaia Weiss and Scott Adkins.

MUPPETS MOST WANTED PG
WHILE on a grand world tour, The Muppets find themselves wrapped into an European jewel-heist caper headed by a Kermit the Frog look-alike and his dastardly sidekick.

Stars Ricky Gervais, Ty Burrell and Tina Fey.

Bella Hardy's Thirty for Thirty

MAY 24th 2014 is the 73rd birthday of Bob Dylan, and the 195th birthday of Queen Victoria. It's also acclaimed folk songstress Bella Hardy's 30th.

To mark the occasion, Bella is taking the party on the road with her band The Midnight Watch, and embarking on an epic adventure to visit thirty of her favourite venues, celebrating her six solo albums to date.

One of the most creative, prolific and original singers in the UK, Bella Hardy's captivating voice inhabits her characters and spins her stories with an equal balance of strength and sensitivity. With fiddle in hand, she presents folk songs in the best tradition; not as antiquated museum pieces, but as relevant and very human artworks. This year she won BBC Radio 2 Folk Singer of the Year 2014. She was also winner of Best Original Song in 2012 for *The Herring Girl*, her own songs range in subject matter from fairytale to working class history, via childhood nostalgia, myth, murder and the human condition, touching on both the fantastical, storytelling elements of Kate Bush, and the lovelorn songwriting craft of Carole King.

Bella Hardy

Bridport LSI Fundraising talk

The LSI: Before the Railways; Prosperity, Religion and Leisure

FOLLOWING the huge success of his last talk, historian Tim Connor will give a second illustrated talk looking at the background to and setting up of the Literary and Scientific Institute; a snapshot of Bridport in the mid 1850s. The talk will continue the story from where his last talk finished with the Mechanics Institute, through its reincarnation as a Literary and Scientific Institute.

Dr Tim Connor has a particular interest in the architecture of churches and local historic buildings, including the much loved Bridport Literary and Scientific Institute. In his talk, Dr Connor will talk about the story of the Institute, drawing upon his scholarly research and a wry sense of humour.

The talk takes place this Friday, March 28th at Bridport Town Hall at 7pm. The bar will be serving drinks from 6.30pm. Tickets are £6 on the door, and all profits from this event will support the Bridport Literary and Scientific Institute restoration project.

Brain Gym

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Codeword

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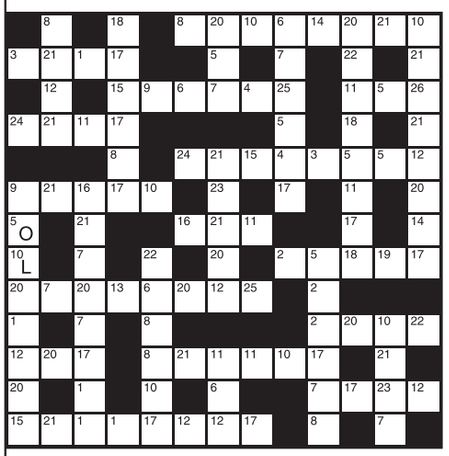

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

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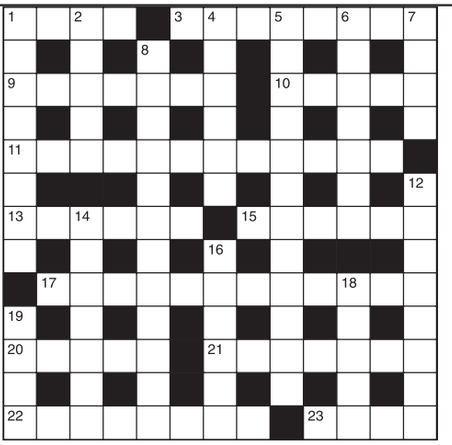

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Yet she may be a hit with the boys (4)
3. Your ills may turn out to be imaginary (8)
9. It is very boring and is due to be altered (7)
10. Aptly fly around it (5)
11. Didn't allow to succeed? (12)
13. Go back to bed? (6)
15. Come as profit, we hear, to a ship's company (6)
17. Useless demonstration of hunger marchers? (5,7)
20. On credit have five shillings (5)
21. The sweet smell of anger? (7)
22. Giving no answers (8)
23. Archaeological accommodation? (4)

Down

1. They produce passes when being charged (8)
2. Apparently these teams are not the tops! (5)
4. It makes no difference to these girls if I join them (6)
5. Would a brunette winning a beauty contest be such a wrong selection? (6,6)
6. In a knockabout we are able to last longer (7)
7. You repeatedly don't finish with this toy (2-2)
8. Monopolise rocks that are important in building (6,6)
12. Type of set meals suitable for vegetarians? (8)
14. Ring me first when there's a disagreement about leisure (4,3)
16. It's a matter of choice (6)
18. Nun that is upset by lack of interest (5)
19. Mark some golfers' cards (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Stitched (4)
3. Obtained (8)
9. Suggest (7)
10. Put off (5)
11. Scottish dance (8,4)
13. Pay back (6)
15. Gay (6)
17. Alliances (12)
20. Oblivion (5)
21. Voter (7)
22. Parasol (8)
23. Responsibility (4)

Down

1. Precious stone (8)
2. Incorrect (5)
4. Purifies (6)
5. Undergarments (12)
6. Meditate (7)
7. Challenge (4)
8. Place for voting (7,5)
12. Blames (8)
14. Servant (7)
16. Really (6)
18. Frequently (5)
19. With the addition of (4)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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7	4	5	3	6	1	9	8	2
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Arbiter; 7 Pairs; 9 Seems; 10 Chinese; 12 Information; 14 Part-time job; 18 Hundred; 19 Lathe; 21 Sever; 22 Spooner. Down: 1 Armed; 2 Airman; 3 Hew; 4 Walnut; 5 Press on; 8 Chimney; 11 Conifer; 13 Salutes; 15 Tidier; 16 Orator; 17 Thief; 20 Apt. QUICK - Across: 6 Aqueous; 7 Story; 9 Piety; 10 Arrival; 12 Provocation; 14 Incredulity; 18 Clarity; 19 Droll; 21 Addle; 22 Succour. Down: 1 Equip; 2 Better; 3 Due; 4 Strict; 5 Creator; 8 Prickle; 11 Avidity; 13 Include; 15 Rarely; 16 Thrice; 17 Flout; 20 Hut.

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Elegant three bedroom period house

An elegant three bedroom period house situated alongside the river Lym close to the town and seafront. Tucked away alongside the river Lym on the edge of the picturesque 'old town' close to the local shops and the seafront is this elegant period Grade ll listed house. This property with its attractive walled gardens provides well-proportioned accommodation equally suited as a family home or holiday retreat. The accommodation briefly comprises: Lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility/study, cloak room, three double bedrooms and large family bathroom. The property has been subject to some refurbishment including a new boiler and central heating system, rewiring and a new kitchen.

Lyme Regis is famed for its many historic connections and character buildings, and of course, for its well-known Cobb Harbour. As a resort, it is considered quite unspoilt, but has most of the shops and amenities that one could require, in addition to which there are numerous leisure activities including both sailing and power boat clubs, a cliff top golf course and a bowling club. The whole coastline with Lyme Regis and Charmouth at its centre has recently been designated a World Heritage Site and is commonly known as the Jurassic Coast. It lies approximately 5 miles from the market town of Axminster, with its main line railway connections to Waterloo (Approx. 2 3/4 hours). The market town of Bridport is approximately 7 miles distant, with Taunton and Exeter within a radius of about 30 miles with access to the M5 motorway. The county town of Dorchester is within a similar distance.

This property is on the market for £349,500. A viewing is highly recommended to appreciate all this property has to offer. Please call Fortnam Smith & Banwell Estate Agents on 01297 - 445666 to arrange a viewing.

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An outstanding property with an extensive garden and potential to purchase additional agricultural land

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Upstairs are four bright double bedrooms, all with splendid views of the garden and beyond. There is also a family bathroom and separate WC.

Outside there is a gated driveway, a garage and store (with plumbing), large south-facing garden with patio and terrace, greenhouse, orchard and stream (River Bride). The house stands in approximately 1.15 acres. There is potential to purchase an additional 5 acres of agricultural land complete with large agricultural barn under separate negotiation.

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To the front of the property there is a level lawn and terrace area, whilst behind the property the sloping garden is planted with a range of trees and shrubs.
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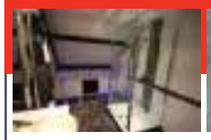
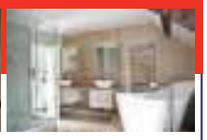

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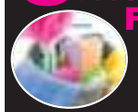

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The New Mercedes-Benz S 63 AMG Coupé

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The new S 63 AMG Coupé is the latest dream car to augment the Mercedes-AMG model range. Exciting lines underpin this two-door model's design. Dominance and sensual purity combine to lend the vehicle irresistible presence and effortlessly superior sportiness. Equally impressive is the combination of high driving dynamics, ambitious lightweight construction and groundbreaking efficiency. As the most powerful member of the BlueDIRECT engine family, the AMG 5.5-litre V8 biturbo engine is a paragon of poise and assurance. Boasting an output of 585 hp and 900 Nm of torque, the S 63 AMG Coupé delivers exceptional performance with remarkably low fuel consumption. And there is a world first in the shape of the curve tilting function, part of the MAGIC BODY CONTROL suspension system, to further enhance both driving pleasure and comfort.

Tobias Moers, Chairman of the Board of Management of Mercedes-AMG GmbH: "The new S 63 AMG Coupé is another exciting AMG dream car in the luxury segment. Mercedes-AMG is putting the pedal to the metal again in the new year. Our model initiative is set to continue at blistering pace in 2014."

65 kilograms lighter thanks to AMG Lightweight Performance

The S 63 AMG Coupé is the latest model to benefit from the systematic implementation of the AMG Lightweight Performance strategy. Lightweight construction has reduced the vehicle weight by 65 kilograms – even though the car has a higher output and more extensive standard equipment than the predecessor model. This weight saving was achieved largely thanks to the use of a lightweight lithium-ion battery, AMG forged light-alloy wheels and a weight-optimised AMG high-performance composite braking system.

Furthermore, the entire outer skin and the front end of the body are made of aluminium. The reduced weight improves driving dynamics and cuts fuel consumption, while the low power-to-weight ratio of 3.41 kg/hp results in effortlessly superior performance: the S 63 AMG Coupé accelerates from 0 to 62 mph in 3.9 to 4.3 seconds, depending on model variant, and goes on to reach a top speed of 155 mph (electronically limited).

In terms of maximum output, torque and fuel consumption, the AMG 5.5-litre V8 biturbo engine remains one of the most efficient series-produced V8 engines of all. With an output of 585 hp and 900 Nm of torque, the AMG eight-cylinder unit from the BlueDIRECT engine family meets even the most demanding of requirements. Compared to the previous CL 63 AMG model, engine output has been increased by 41 hp and torque by 100 Nm. Yet the S 63 AMG Coupé still consumes less fuel: The NEDC combined figure of 27.9 mpg makes the two-door model the most fuel-efficient model in its competitive segment. Compliance with the EU6 emissions standard shows that performance, efficiency and environmental compatibility are by no means mutually exclusive at Mercedes-AMG.

AMG sports exhaust system with automatic exhaust flaps

Emotive and sporty performance or restrained and relaxing cruising: the S 63 AMG Coupé even has a choice of bespoke sounds. The AMG sports exhaust system meets individual driver requirements as it has automatic logic-controlled exhaust flaps in both rear silencers. When the transmission is in "C" (Controlled Efficiency) mode, the flaps remain closed in most situations, in which case the eight-cylinder biturbo engine's sound is more understated. In "S" (Sport) and "M" (Manual) modes, the exhaust flaps open earlier and more spontaneously, especially if the driver prefers a dynamic driving style. The result is an even fuller, hallmark AMG emotive engine sound.

"One man, one engine": a tradition of hand-built excellence

Like all AMG V8 and V12 engines, the eight-cylinder biturbo engine for the S 63 AMG Coupé is assembled by hand at the AMG engine shop in Affalterbach. Highly qualified engine fitters assemble the engines in Affalterbach according to the strictest quality standards based on the "one man, one engine" philosophy. Apart from serving as an AMG hallmark confirming superlative precision and production quality, the AMG engine plate bearing the engine technician's signature also attests to the peerless DNA of Mercedes-Benz's high-performance brand.

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New Porsche Cayman GTS Resets Sports Coupe Benchmark

THE NEW Porsche Cayman GTS is the most powerful and fastest edition of the mid-engined coupe from the German sports car manufacturer to date. With an uprated engine and sharpened chassis responses, the Cayman GTS sets a new benchmark for sporting performance in its market.

Since its debut in 2005, the Cayman has earned a particular reputation as a driver's car. At the heart of the two-seater beats a charismatic flat-six engine, positioned deep in the middle of the chassis to offer a low centre of gravity for a balanced and precise driving experience. Furthermore, the distinctive coupe styling confers a high level of torsional rigidity which further enhances the dynamic virtuosity.

The six-cylinder 'boxer' engine in the Cayman GTS is based on the 3.4-litre engine of the Cayman S. Specific fine tuning has delivered an additional 15 hp (11 kW), with the result that the Cayman GTS offers 340 hp (250 kW). The torque has also increased by ten newton metres to 380 Nm.

Further emphasising the distinctive character of the GTS is the Sport Chrono package and Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM), fitted as standard. These offer the driver the opportunity to not only modify the damper stiffness, but also subtly change the throttle characteristics of the engine. In conjunction with the optional Doppelkupplungsgetriebe (PDK) seven-speed double-clutch transmission, the Launch Control function accessed via the Sport Plus button enables the Cayman GTS to accelerate from 0-62 mph in 4.6 seconds, 0.3 secs quicker than a standard Cayman S with PDK.

With the standard manual six-speed transmission, a top speed of 177 mph is possible. The new GTS is also the first mid-engined Porsche coupe to be certified according to the Euro 6 emissions standard, and achieves an overall fuel consumption with PDK of 34.4 mpg Combined (31.4 mpg with manual transmission).

The dynamic engine mounts also offered as part of the Sport Chrono package enables the Cayman GTS to offer an impressive breadth of chassis responsiveness. Under acceleration, cornering or braking, the mountings between the body shell and engine stiffen automatically to reduce the effects of mass transfer during dynamic manoeuvres, further increasing agility.

Furthermore, the standard fit Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) enables the driver to switch between progressive sporting behaviour and long-distance comfort at the press of a button. Stylish black painted 20-inch diameter Carrera S alloy wheels riding on 235/35 tyres at the front and 265/35 tyres at the rear complete the chassis set-up.

The Cayman GTS can also be specified with a new, optional sports chassis configuration that lowers the ride height by 20 mm, underlying the fact that at the heart of every Porsche is a race car suitable for both the circuit and everyday use.

The strong, individual character of the Cayman gains further independence with the GTS model. A distinctively styled front spoiler and black-finish Bi-Xenon headlights – with the Porsche Dynamic Light System (PDLS) as standard – are a subtle clue to the new model's identity, which is confirmed from behind with exterior lettering in silky black gloss finish, and a re-styled lower rear apron.

Inside, bolstered sports seats and leather trim are standard. Like other Porsche GTS models, the sporting ambience of the interior is refined with Alcantara elements.

The GTS lineage

The Porsche Cayman can trace its roots back to the legendary 904 Carrera GTS of the 1960s, which likewise was a mid-engined two-seater coupe. Since those days, the letters 'GTS' have stood for 'Gran Turismo Sport' and a promise of outstanding levels of Porsche performance.

With the new model, Porsche is extending the GTS principle to the Cayman. Like the Cayenne GTS and Panamera GTS already, this is a car that stands for superior driving dynamics in its market.

The combination of letters originates from the 904 Carrera GTS, a race car launched in 1963 that could also be registered for use on public roads. In the 1980s and 1990s, the 924 GTS and 928 GTS cultivated this principle. It was reborn in 2007 in the form of the Cayenne GTS, and was subsequently also implemented in the 'Type 997' 911 and most recently the Panamera.

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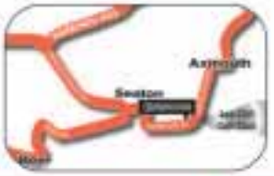

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Terras news

Nine out of nine

Burnham 1 Weymouth 3
Calor Premier – att: 120

WEYMOUTH completed a trio of wins in succession when they beat lowly Burnham on Saturday despite going a goal behind *writes Stuart Broom*.

The victory sees them move to ninth in the Calor Southern Premier League.

The hosts who have lost nine of their last ten games made the better start as Weymouth struggled to find their feet on a bobbly surface, and went ahead on 15 minutes when Ashley Wells lost possession and Myles Hippolyte took advantage to put Burnham ahead.

Captain Stewart Yetton who has been in inspired form of late, almost equalised on 35 minutes, but his shot from the narrowest of angles was cleared off the line.

Weymouth came out in much more positive mood after halftime and Isaac Vassell went close with a 30 yard shot that just dipped over the bar. They equalised on the hour when Vassell flicked George Rigg's near post corner on for Adam Kelly to convert.

Soon after Burnham's Ryan Blake was sent off for violent conduct after he raised his hands at Jake Green when he tried to stop a quick free kick being taken, and effectively handing Weymouth the advantage.

Yetton scored his sixth goal in seven games with 20 minutes left when he broke through on goal.

Keeper Adam Lawrence managed to get his hand to the strikers shot but couldn't prevent it entering the net to put the Terras ahead, before Vassell completed the scoring, rounding Lawrence to score.

Weymouth looking strong ahead of World Championships

WEYMOUTH Rowing Club look strong and are in good spirits ahead of the World Gig Championships in the Scilly Isles on May 2nd-5th after they dominated their own mini regatta held at Newton's Cove on Saturday.

Rowers from Torridge, Bristol, Hayling Island, Swanage, Poole, Portland and Bridport were enticed to Weymouth for some pre championship competition where the racing was fast and furious, with rowers enjoying putting all their hard winter training to real competitive use.

Breezy conditions on a bright, sunny day made the conditions challenging but great fun over a course of approx 1.6 miles was created for the occasion stretching from Stone pier, to Portland harbour, and back via Newton's Cove and involving a testing two bow turn; turn to the right for the landlubbers.

The Weymouth Men's and Ladies A crew's, Ladies Veterans A Crew, the Mixed A crew and a fantastic win for the wonderful Weymouth junior crew, saw the hosts win five of the eight races, with top three finishes in the remaining races.

The most convincing win of the day was by the Weymouth Mixed A crew, made up of three men and three women, who, in beating their own B crew into second place, finished a huge 15 lengths clear of Dagger, from Bridport who were third.

There was a fantastic atmosphere on the Nothe, with all crews cheering home the boats, and the usual hustle and bustle around the boat shed on the harbour as everyone enjoyed the Weymouth hospitality.

All the talk was of the pending World's where will be Weymouth sending over their boats Tristan, Isolde and Penny with at least ten crews.

Lynn Reynolds, ladies captain said: "We had nerves of steel deciding whether to hold the event or not due to the changing weather pattern, but on this occasion we ignored the Met Office and a great afternoons racing was had by all, with everyone visiting having a great time on and off the water."

She continued: "I am so very pleased with how Weymouth crews are shaping up and delivering exceptional results to a strict training programme; producing some superb results already.

"We are, as a club, looking forward to the 25th World Pilot Gig Rowing Championships on the Scilly Isles, and being part of such a prestigious event".

Weymouth Rowing club are a local registered charity, helping people of all ages and abilities to get on the water and row. They are always looking for sponsors, friends, social, rowing and junior members.

If you would like to find out more about Weymouth Rowing Club check their website www.weymouthrowingclub.co.uk for contact details.

Dorset Football news

Hertfordshire storm back to snatch win

Hertfordshire County League 3
Dorset Premier League 2

HERTFORDSHIRE County League scored three times in the second-half to snatch a place in the final of the FA Systems Cup on Saturday.

Dorset Premier League appeared to be coasting towards victory with a 2-0 advantage at halftime, especially as they hadn't conceded a goal in the competition, with strikes from Alex Halloran on eight minutes and a Luke Stone penalty on the half hour.

However, the hosts hit back in the second half to equalise and scored the winner in extra-time.

Dorset Football League

Senior League: Chickerell United stay in second place with a 3-2 home victory over Upwey & Broadwey; Josh Why with a brace Nick Etherington the scorers.

Third place side Sturminster Marshall were two down at the interval at Gillingham Town Reserves but came through to win 3-2 thanks to goals from Jack Geddis (2) and Will Gauge.

Piddletrenthide United moved further away from the bottom three with a 4-1 win over visitors South Cheriton with goals from Adam Lloyd (2), Neil Kellaway and an own goal.

Portland United Reserves and Sturminster Newton United played out a goalless draw.

Division One: The Balti House maintained their 11point lead thanks to a Grant Chance brace in their 2-0 home win over Poundbury Rovers.

Weymouth Spartans stay second following their 3-1 win against visitors Swanage Town & Herston Reserves; Danny Hill, Florinel Bujor and Ben Coltart on target.

The Kangaroos moved up to fifth place after their 5-0 win at Bridport.

Division Two: Andy Southern scored all four as Portesham United kept up their chase in second with a 4-2 home win over Shaftesbury Town Reserves.

Paul Cole scored a hat-trick as he helped Portland Town move up into the top three a 6-2 win over visitors Wareham Rangers Reserves, Alex Counter (2) and Elliott Gould also netted.

Redlands FC 2-1 victory over visitors Wyke Regis Social Club moved them into fifth; Will Sonner and Joshua Lamb scoring with Phil Smith netting the consolation.

Sturminster Newton United Reserves stay at the foot of the table despite winning 3-2 at home to Gillingham Town A with Tim Westlake, Tom Oldham and Sam Scott scoring.

Division Three : Maiden Newton & Cattistock gained a useful point at leaders Broadstone after a 4-4 draw. AFC Blandford maintained their unbeaten record and moved into third spot with a 2-1 win at Sturminster Marshall; Callum Stephens and Charlie James netting.

Division Four: Puddletown stay top by three points, and with a game in hand, following their 4-1 win at Pimperne Sports Society.

Portland Town A were clobbered 8-2 by AFC Cobham Reserves, Dan Sheppard and Dan Read scoring for the Islanders, whilst South Cheriton remain at the foot of the table despite their 5-1 win over Owermoigne

Division Five: Lytchett RT Youth moved up into third place after their 7-0 win at Portland B, and despite strikes from Dan Viner and Adam Morris, Piddletrenthide United Reserves went down 4-2 at home to Wool & Winfrith.

Rolls defies weather

DESPITE torrential rain which affected all but the early starters resulting in many abandonments, Rob Rolls (75-5-70) recorded the lowest gross score to win the Charminster Golf Club March Sunday medal.

The competition was the first of four held in the month that otherwise was essentially a dry month. Roger Kellaway (90-14-76) was second and Brian Drammis (89-12-77) third.

John Thompson (90-19-74) won the Wednesday Division 1 medal after a count back from Jason Franks (89-15-74) with lowest grossing Roger Lowe (88-12-76) third.

The Division Two medal was won by Graham Swingewood (86-20-66), also the lowest gross score in the division, with John Maddocks (92-25-67) second and Tony Lee (87-19-68) third.

The Division One Sunday stableford was won by Steve Bailey (11) with 36 points. Paul Harris (15) 35pts was second and Russ Shipley (14) 34pts third.

Barry Rutherford (19) 39pts won Division Two, Tony Lee (19) 38pts took second and John Trott (22) 36pts third.

John Thompson (16), showing early season form appears to like Wednesdays, following up his medal victory by taking the Division 1 Wednesday stableford with 38 points. John Masters (18) 36pts was second and Chris Simmons (16) 34pts third.

John Maddocks (24) 41pts win in the Division 2 event resulted in a one-shot handicap cut, with Nigel Barter (20) 38pts second and Ian Pinnington (25) 37pts third.

Pre-season cricket news

Charlton Down young cricketers back in training

CHARLTON Down Cricket Club's youth section got back in training for the nes season on Monday with their first of four indoor coaching sessions at their new venue, Puddletown Middle School Sports Hall, under the watchful eye of UKCC Level 2 Coaches Tommy Tucker and Cameron Lucas and some of the clubs new coach support workers.

The sessions that continue for the next two Monday's (March 31st and April 7th) start at 6.00pm until 7.30pm where the emphasis will be on fun whilst gaining skills at the same time.

There will also be some transport offers to give children a lift during the four week period if required.

The club are looking for children, boys and girls, between Year 3 and Year 8, with new and current players welcome.

The club will be running an U11's and U13's team in the West Dorset District League, and also an U9's if there are enough players.

Meanwhile outdoor coaching at the Charlton Down Cricket Ground will be as follows:

U11's - Wednesday evenings 6.15pm to 7.30pm starting on 1April 16th

U13's - Monday evenings 6.15pm to 7.30pm starting on April 14th

Six players are taking the new Coach Support Worker course at the end of March and these will feed into helping each team at matches and training sessions.

Please contact Tommy Tucker on 01305 268172 or mobile 07810 275847 for more details.

Portland Red Triangle Big Clean Up

PORTLAND Red Triangle will be taking part in the Big Clean Up on Saturday, April 5th at the clubs grounds and pavilion starting at 10am.

NatWest Cricket Force is an initiative for cricket clubs encouraging members of the club and local community to get together to get the ground ready for the new season.

The club is looking to recruit new players for both the senior and junior squads along with people interested in all the many roles from umpire to tea lady.

This is an ideal opportunity for all those interested in joining to come along and meet the club officials, coaches, players and fellow volunteers.

Weymouth Table Tennis club

All league titles remain up for grabs

ALL three divisions of the Weymouth & District Table Tennis League are still unresolved as they head towards the final matches of the season.

Only 18 points; which in table tennis can be recovered in one match; separate the top four sides in Division One, although leaders Wyke A have two games and two points in hand over second placed Land Registry who have played 14 games.

Shipton Gorge A are a further five points behind in third having played 13, with YMCA in fourth also with two games in hand. Springfield C is already relegated.

Budmouth A, Pilgrims A and Preston A lead Division Two with just 15 points separating them, but Pilgrims A have a game in hand.

Shipton Gorge C lead Division 3 by 14 points, but Budmouth C have two games in hand and look favourites to win the title.

Division 1

TOP of the averages is Simon Joslin for the Hawks who has won every one of his 26, with Mark Heasman (92 per cent) and Steve Jackson (89 per cent) both of the Land Registry close behind.

The closest match to date has been the encounter between Hawks and Wyke A with the match ending in a 16-16 draw.

Simon Joslin took all nine of his games for Hawks but Sai Maganti took 6 and Shaun Beauchamp took four games for Wyke who needed to win the doubles by three clear games to win the match, but Sam Roles and Josh Harman held Maganti and Beauchamp to a 1-3 defeat.

Red Triangle from Portland could be in with a shout if they do well in their remaining games.

Division 2

A RELATIVE newcomer to the area John Ryan who plays for Preston B is undefeated in 18 matches, with Richard Wilshere for Pilgrims Bon (97 per cent) and Roger Lovell of Preston A (91% per cent) close behind.

The only draw in the league was the match between Pilgrims A and Preston A with ended 19-19.

This pitted two of the highest averages against each other with Wilshere coming out on top against Lovell 3-2 in their individual match.

Wilshire picked up all of his nine games with Lovell repying with eight games for Preston.

With Ros Page and Derrick Shilliday both picking up points against John Hunisett and Paul Beeston, Preston were three games ahead going into the doubles which matched Hunisett and Wilshere against Lovell and Shilliday, and in a close encounter Pilgrims ran out 3-0 winners to tie the match.

Again the youngsters of Budmouth A and Budmouth B have shown that they can compete at any level which bodes well for the future.

Division 3

DEREK Wheeler of Shipton Gorge C is unbeaten in 18 matches Brian Hawker of Pilgrims B (94 per cent) and Tom Lane of Dorset Youth Service B (92 per cent) and Andy Ray of Colliton C (90 per cent) are also quite consistent.

All Saints only started in the league last September and already they have shown that youngsters properly coached can match most other sides in the league.

Their biggest win so far was an impressive 29-8 victory over Preston D and their latest was 27-8 against Dorset Youth Service B.

The top of the league clash of Shipton Gorge C (Ben Ashton, Dan Corren and Graham Robinson) and Budmouth C (Jamie Blair , Moses Lewis and James Green) ended in victory for Budmouth 28-8. This was a reversal of the fixture at Shipton Gorge where the hosts ran out 22-18 winners. Corren was the strongest of the Shipton players with Blair and Lewis both scoring nine.

Annual General Meeting

THE league AGM will be held at the Frank Reynolds Institute (Springfield Club) on Dorchester Road on May 21st at 7.30 pm.

Andy Millar is to stand down as General Secretary and Steve Rook will be standing down as Treasurer. Both these roles are important to the running of the league and nominations are requested for both positions.

Please contact Andy Millar by email on a.millar212@gmail.com, or any other member of the committee which can be found at weyttl.org.uk.

Rugby

Patched-up Gladiators enjoy run out

Swanage & Wareham 4th 41
Dorchester 3rd 27

AN unexpected gap in the diary for Swans gave the Gladiators a welcome opportunity for a run-out at Bestwall.

With some adjustments to the sides, including the loan of the hosts captain Steve at tighthead prop, the Gladiators started somewhat rustily shipping 19 points in the first quarter hour as they tried to find their shape.

Gradually the disparate group of individuals started working together, so that moments of individual excellence in tackling and turning over ball were backed up by the arrival of support to retain the ball. The Gladiators slowly worked their way back into the game, with Aaron on loan from Swans eventually scoring a hat-trick, although additional scores for Swans also came in.

Dorchester's somewhat makeshift scrum creaked rather, as several backs were drafted in to fill gaps in the second and back rows. However, they often managed to retain their own ball, despite going backwards; and the lineout functioned well, with honours going to the visitors by a narrow margin.

Just as Dorchester were beginning to worry that their only scorers being loaned Swans players, newcomer Ryan Musson, in his first game of rugby, went over near the posts and converted. This was quickly followed by a try in the corner for Tom Dike, taking the score to 31-27; raising the visitors' hopes with full time approaching. Sadly these were dashed when two more scores for Swans followed instead.

Despite the scoreline, captain Allan Bickley was positive: "This game was arranged at relatively short notice, and most of the Gladiators from previous seasons had made other commitments so were unavailable.

Our heads didn't go down at our slow start; our rucking was excellent and lineout's worked surprisingly well; and the team gelled well despite many players meeting for the first time.

The Gladiators' next game is on March 30th at Butleigh RFC.

Weymouth Indoor Football Leagues

WITH the Weymouth Monday six-a-side league entering its second half Jolly Rogers raised their flag to be title challengers.

Bottom placed side Hardly Athletic were thumped 17-0, in a game where Craig Roper really caught the eye.

Meanwhile, it was more business as usual elsewhere, with leaders The Belvedere seeing off Space Invaders 7-0 to maintain a two-point lead from Melissa Sports, who beat Elites 5-0, thanks largely to Karl Parkhurst.

Top met bottom in the Thursday 5 a side and the formbook remained untroubled as Weymouth Wizards saw off Schindlers Assist 12-3.

That was enough to leave them two points clear of a chasing pack, which includes AFC Discharge after they edged out 2 Whites 6-4.

Bridport & District Darts League

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	20	35
BSC	20	33
Times Up	20	29
All Stars	20	25
Nomads	20	24
Hands of Time	20	22
Knapp Inn	20	22
Young Guns	19	18
Nags Head A	19	14
Surely that's en'gh	20	9
Dat Team	20	4
Odd Bods	20	3

Most 180s: Terry Prowse (Rob's Robbers) 10, Sam Legg (Young Guns) 8, Matt Brotherton (Rob's Robbers) 6, six players all 5.
Win %: Graham Knight (Nomads) 95% (19/1)

Division Two	Pld	Pts
One for the Vikings	18	33
Rubber Johns	19	31
Elders	18	24
Odds or Us	18	24
Young Darters	18	20
The Surgeons	18	14
Poachers	18	13
Royal Hawks	17	13
One Direction	18	12
Bob's Boys	18	9
Broken Arrows	18	5

Most 180: Wayne Doble (Rubber Johns) & Mike Day (One for the Vikings) both 5, Kenny Poole (One Direction) Dereck Harp (Elders) both 3.
Win %: Nick Quinton (Odds or Us) 100% (15/15).

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Flashes Fives	16	27
Only Just	17	21
Anchor Five	15	21
Time Bombs	16	21
Anchor Vale Viewers	15	21
Inbetweeners	16	12
Midnight Runners	17	10
The Capercaillies	15	9
Mozzies Heroes	16	9
Odd & Sods	15	7

Most 180s: Paul Bearpark (Odds & Sods), James Crabb (Inbetweeners), Nigel Lee (Anchor Vale Viewers) and Andre Reynolds (Time Bombs) ball 2, six players x1.
Win %: Paul Bearpark & Andre Reynolds both 86.67% (13/2)

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters	18	25
The Royal Nuts	18	24
Tiger Bees	19	13
All the Kings Men	19	21
Tip Top Odds	18	20
Sorted Odds	18	19
Dodgers	18	17
Sue's Rebels	18	17
Greyhound	18	15
Con Artists	18	10
No Direction	18	9

Most 180s: Craig Collins (Con Artists) and John Boyle (Otter Rotters) both 2, six players 1.
Win %: John Boyle 100% (18/18)

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap	15	28
Anchor Aces	15	26
Clocking On	15	24
Knight 'n' Gals	15	22
Queenies of the Club	16	14
Kings Arrows	15	11
Sue's Rebels	16	11
Queen Bees	15	8
Next Door	15	5
Castaways	15	3

Most 180s: Sharon Poole (Clocking On) and Sarah Chick (Tender Trap) both 1.
Win %: Sarah Chick 100% (15/15).

Ladies Div Two	Pld	Pts
Cliff Hangers	12	21
Against the Odds	12	16
Wildcats	11	13
Dougalls Dollies	11	11
Good Mates	13	11
Anchors Aweigh	12	9
Charlie's Angels	12	8
Tiger Stripes	11	5

Most 180s: None.
Win %: Sue Marks (Cliff Hangers) 90% (9/1).

Bees news

WITH STUART BROOM

Gale return boosts Bees chances

BRIDPORT RES 4 BLANDFORD UTD 3

BRIDPORT Reserves chances of a top five finish in the Dorset Premier League with the return of former striker Simon Gale who will be available for the rest of the season.

Gale who has been playing for South Cheriton this term, was a prolific scorer for the Bees almost a decade ago, and scored on his return to St Mary's Field on Saturday in Bridport Reserves 4-3 victory over Blandford United, who they have leapfrogged into sixth spot.

Ben Clarke gave them the lead in the fifth minute when Rhys Hayter, making his league debut for the reserves, played the ball wide to Tristan Gale whose cross gave the Bridport skipper an easy chance.

Having dominated most of the first-half Bridport's old habit of sitting back when in control returned and almost on the stroke of half-time the Royals equalised when the Bees defence was caught square to give Dale Hoffman the chance to beat Billy Fleet.

It could have been worse when the hosts conceded a stupid free kick on the edge of the box, but they managed to clear the danger.

Manager Robin Townsend said: "After our bright start we took our foot off the pedal and allowed Blandford back in the game and they were worth their equaliser before half time."

The visitors went ahead five minutes after the break when Adam Steele dallied on the ball on the halfway line and was robbed when he slipped allowing a breakaway which ended with Robert Manson putting Blandford ahead.

However, he redeemed himself immediately with a great run down the left. When his first shot was blocked the ball ran back to him and he smashed a superb shot into the top corner to equalise.

Bridport took the lead again on 57 minutes when Simon Gale floated a free-kick into Ben Clarke on the edge of the box who brought the ball down before volleying home, before Gale crowned a great return by scoring the fourth on 79 minutes. His initial shot was saved but the ball rolled back into his path and he neatly sidefooted the ball into the top corner.

He then hit the post, as did Ben Clarke with a header, which would have put the game well out of Blandford's reach who scored through Craig Haim five minutes from time, but Bridport easily played out the final minutes.

Townsend was pleased with his side's overall display although disappointed with the odd lapses.

"Simon played a holding role in midfield and was a calming influence as well as getting involved, whilst Darren Lock was superb at the back; I don't think he missed a header all afternoon."

No match for lively Kangaroos

BRIDPORT 3RDS 0 KANGAROOS 5

MANAGER Andy Hitchcock was not too disappointed by this latest defeat by Kangaroos who side included Jamie Beasley the Dorchester Town striker who has just recovered from a serious facial injury sustained in a Skrill South match against Tonbridge Angels in December.

"Our side included seven lads all under 18, five of them in fact 16-years-old, and it is a big step up to Dorset One.

However, they are the future of the club and we have to expect to give them time to find their feet and mature.

"The whole team gave a good account of themselves, but with players of the calibre of Jamie Beasley against you it is going to be hard."

The Bees held their own for 20 minutes but a wonder strike into the top corner from 30 yards gave the Kangaroos the lead.

Hitchcock added: "Matty Peart who is going to be a great keeper, could do nothing about any of the goals.

"It's true that when you are down the bottom you don't seem to get the rub of the green, but we can have no complaints, they were better than us."

Hockey

WITH STUART BROOM

Hawks win promotion in style as Mearing hits seven

SIDMOUTH & OTTERY C 1
WEST DORSET HAWKS 12

WEST Dorset Hawks celebrated promotion from the Davis Wood South East 1 league by smashing twelve past a hapless Sidmouth & Ottery C on Saturday.

The bottom club who have only won one point all season were no match for the marauding Hawks who with a slightly inferior goal difference to Bridgwater A needed to win, to give them a chance of taking the title which will be decided in the last game of the season this Saturday.

The victory means a draw against Taunton Vale C on Saturday will be enough.

Ottery managed to hold out for 10 minutes with their keeper pulling off many fine saves before conceding the first goal through Alex Davies with a neat finish.

That opened the floodgates and Steve Mearing helped himself to seven goals. Dan Wyatt scored a hat trick whilst Russell Coombes completed the demolition with a goal on the final whistle.

West Dorset A promotion chances in the balance

WEST DORSET HAWKS A 1 OPM B 0

WEST Dorset Hawks A, looking to emulate their senior team with promotion from South East 3 find their chances are much slimmer after Saturday's results.

With no chance of catching leaders Bridgwater C, they went into the game with a far superior goal difference to ECV Hornets C who had the same number of points. However whilst the Hawks struggled to beat second bottom OPM B, Hornets were thrashing bottom side Sidmouth & Ottery C to the tune of 20-1 and the two sides are now equal on both points and goal difference.

Unfortunately West Dorset were missing a number of players which meant that new club recruit Jordan Cupit was handed his first start at the eleventh hour.

Hawks started promisingly creating a number of chances, but these were either wasted or snuffed out by the veteran OPM defence.

However, midway through the first half, the ball popped out to debut boy Cupit from a goalmouth scramble and his shot bounced over the keeper's legs and into the netl for what turned out to be the only goal of the game.

West Dorset continued to create chances whilst OPM rarely threatened the home goal where Henry Middleton and Giles Maltby mopped up any breakaway attacks.

The second-half continued in the same vein with a number of chances going begging for West Dorset although credit must go to the OPM keeper who made some excellent saves to deny John Kellas and Kiwi Wilson. The main talking point of the half however was a lengthy stop in play while a visiting defender received treatment for a nasty cut after being struck in the face by the ball.

Although comfortable winners Hawks should have added to their tally, but will now have to better Hornets result on Saturday to win promotion. Hawks travel to fourth place Chard B whilst ECV Hornets entertain Yeovil & Sherborne C who are fifth.

Herbert suffers another facial injury

BEAMINSTER 2 YEOVIL & SHERBORNE 3RD 2

WITH Beaminster ladies unable to catch the top two, and their visitors comfortably safe from relegation this was a typical end of season match.

A game that failed to flow throughout will be remembered more for the second facial injury to striker Lucy Herbert, who after breaking her nose early in the season had to leave the field after being hit in the mouth by a defensive block by the Yeovil goalkeeper which split her lip.

Both sides struggled to find any real cohesion although Beaminster were the more aggressive on goal and would have won had it not been for an excellent display by their goalkeeper who was quick to close the opposition down before clearing her lines with some positive kicking.

After an even start the visitors took the lead in the 6th minute from their first short corner with an excellent shot from the top of the D.

The hosts finally found their feet midway through the half and dominated up until half-time resulting in an equaliser after 27 minutes also from a short corner routine; Danni Donovan playing the injection to Herbert who fired home.

As in the first-half Yeovil were the more aggressive after the break and deservedly regained the lead on 46 minutes from another short corner, but it was an awful goal to concede.

The same player who had struck the opener, badly mishit her shot this time but it dribbled past a defender and through the keeper's legs for a very soft goal.

Beaminster's response was immediate from the restart and Herbert's run and pass found Phoebe Stewart who's snap shot went just the wrong side of the post.

Now in the ascendency, Beaminster peppered the visiting goal, and Holly Clarke had two good chances to equalise, whilst Lydia Brooking fired the wrong side of the upright.

It looked like their chance had gone when Herbert was accidentally struck from close range challenging for the ball from a short corner.

However, their perseverance was rewarded six minutes from the end of normal time when Stewart fired home after another period of pressure to earn a point.

This should ensure a thrid placed finish providing the don't lose by more than eight goals at Blandford and Sturminster Newton, who could snatch it on goal difference in the final game of the season next Saturday.

Lyme Regis youngsters stun favourites in final

BRANKSOME UTD U16 2
LYME REGIS 3

AN extra time winner from Rhys Hayer saw Lyme Regis under 16s deservedly lift the Dorset County FA knockout cup after they upset the form book to beat Branksome United in Sunday's cup Final at Hamworthy *writes Howard Larcombe*.

The Seasiders' Bournemouth-based opponents came into the game have lifted the trophy several times as the team has progressed through the respective year groups.

But this was to be Lyme's day. An understandably nervous opening quarter-hour saw Branksome in control and The Seasiders grateful for two fine saves by keeper Toby Fowler.

They took the lead against the run of play when right winger Richie Legg, who earned coach Mark Bailey's vote as Man-of-the-Match, netted with a cross come shot that deflected off a defender

But the favourites continued to look threatening and sure enough a five-minute double strike before the interval appeared to have them well set to go on and win the game.

However, Lyme responded well and began to take control.

The introduction of the versatile Joe Wotton in a left wing berth was to prove crucial as he headed home an the equaliser 20 minutes from time.

Alfie Bellworthy then crashed a header against the crossbar before the sides moved into the energy sapping 30 minutes of extra-time.

The winner came midway through the first period when a throw-in was flicked on to Hayter who looped a header from the corner of the six-yard box over the flailing keeper an in at the far post.

Afterwards joint-coach Bailey said: "I was impressed how the team galvanized after we went 2-1 down. From there we were the better side and deserved the victory."

Petrina Wellman, parent of player Devon Wellman told *View Sport*: "The boys wished to say a huge thank you to coach Ros Parsons who has been with them right the way through their youth football days - she has just been so committed as have their other coaches Mark Bailey and Julien Simier.

"They wished to dedicate the win to previous manager Rodney Rowe who led them all the way to the final where they sadly lost a few seasons ago.

"It's great to see a team from one of the small towns on the outer reaches turn a few heads throughout the county."

■ **KINGS OF THE COUNTY**: Lyme Regis players celebrate sunday's County Cup Final victory. ***Photo by PETRINA WELLMAN***

Bridport skittles League

CUP Fixtures for week beginning Monday, March 31st:

Mens Pairs - 4th Round
Monday, March 31st
ILCHESTER ARMS: B Chapple & M Barnes; B Pitcher & H Mills; A Paulley & R Frampton; S Pitcher & A Cauldwell; I Pincombe & M Horton; G Brooks & T Luter; L Dare & C Barnes; R Pincombe & D Cooper.

Ladies Individual - Final
Tuesday, April 1st
BRIDPORT FC: G Legg; C Huxter; C Lambert; J Cake; S Luter; M Hansford; S Yeatman; J Symes.

◆ ***Could winners of last season's league trophies return them to the Lord Nelson as soon as possible.***

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	16	30
Shipfaced	17	26
Masters	17	20
Broadoak	17	18
Slingers	17	18
Denhay Farm	17	16
Rejects	17	16
Rockets	16	16
Smithys Boys	17	14
Rough Eight	17	10
The Dingles	17	8
Nelson Nobblers	17	6

Division B	Pld	Pts
Lively Lads	15	22
Outsiders	14	20
Gerryatrics	15	19
Crazy Gang	15	16
Dingbats	15	16
Miss the Ball	16	14
NBC	14	14
U Know the Blokes	14	14
Bangers	15	10
W.Dorset Panthers	16	10
7" Clock	15	9

Division C	Pld	Pts
Aussies Lot	14	18
Mean Machine	13	18
Originals	13	16
LHS	13	15
AFAR	15	14
Strawpeedoes	14	14
Bulldogs	14	12
Swimming Club	14	12
Castouts	14	10
Groundhogs	14	9

Division D	Pld	Pts
Pioneers	13	20
Unknowns	14	20
Countrymen	14	18
Survivors	14	16
Alcoholics	13	14
Let em Roll	12	14
Featherbeds	14	10
Whisky Chasers	13	10
Offcuts	14	6
Rob's Rebels	13	6

Highest individual league score: N.Pye (90 x2).
Highest individual cup score: D.Smith (91).
Dunns Trophy Leaders — N. Black (Denhay Farm); G. Brooks (The Dingles); R. Gay (Mean Machine); M. Huxter (Broadoak) all 12 Points.

Ladies Division	Pld	Pts
Brandy Snaps	11	18
Yo Yo's	10	16
Hidden Talent	10	14
Alleycats	9	10
Pinbashers	11	10
Bad Girls	10	6
No Problem	9	6
Tiger Lilies	12	2

Highest individual score: S.Yeatman (Brandy Snaps) 82.
Rose Bowl Leaders — P. Cornick & J. Greening (both Tiger Lilies) both nine points.

Lyme Regis angling

Lyme Fisher (webmaster)
March 22nd

SATURDAY'S shore match was for the two best combined specimens, and due to the weather, was a rover.

Result: 1st: Tony Bessford 5pts (£23), Phil Marshall 4 (£15), 3rd Paul Munday, 4th Wayne Burgess, 5th Darren Herbert, 6th Lee Chard, 7th Simon Lippet, 8th Matt Parsons, 9th Terry Lawler, 10th Nick Farrar, 11th Lucy Squire, 12th Jake Bagwell, 13th Oliver Male, 14th Rob Garth, 15th Ben Male, 16th Jaydan Male all 1pt.

Bridport bowls

Six count swings match

BRIDPORT were on fine form in their final mixed friendly against **Seaton**.

Pat Cowmeadow, Barbara Jenkins, Max Dare and Brian Baker led the way with a 2,3,4,2 finish giving them a 32-11 win.

Sylvia Fletcher, who has had a great season, Mel Hargett, Keith Jenkins and Mike Fletcher won 22-12, whilst Madelaine Melton, Mike Parsons, Mary Marsh and Jenny Harding were trailing 16-17 after 16 ends before a 2,2,1,5 burst saw them turn it round to win 26-19.

Lyn and Peter Sandall, Mary Corfield and Martin Wilton trailed 16-20 after 17 ends.

A big six count put them 22-20 ahead, but their opponents fought back to force a draw 24-24 leaving Bridport 104-66 winners overall.

Tae Kwon-Do time changes

TO accommodate the changing needs of the students, Target TAGB Tae Kwon-Do class times in Charmouth and Axminster have changed.

Classes at St Andrew's Community Hall on Lower Sea Lane in Charmouth have changed to 5pm on Thursdays and Fridays.

As a result the Friday class at which at Axminster Leisure Centre on Lyme Road, has moved to 6.30 pm.

The Saturday class at Axminster is unchanged and remains at 11am.

Bridport rugby

Blues complete double over Swans

Bridport 28
Swanage & Wareham 2nd 10

AFTER 68 Bridport Rugby Club vice-presidents had sat down to their annual lunch, a tasty feast supplied by one of the club's sponsors Bridport Hog Roast, they were treated another feast as the Blues completed the double over visitors Swanage & Wareham 2nd's in the Dorset & Wilts League 1 South.

The omens were good for Bridport as Rory Greening kicked a penalty in the first three minutes before a minute later Will Haggerty enjoyed an intercepted visitor's pass to romp down the field and score under the posts. Greening duly stroked the ball over for a 13-0 early score.

Swans managed a penalty of their own in this frenetic start before the game sensibly settled down to a formula of contrasting play. The big visiting pack wanted to play it tight and the home side wanted their backs to run.

Some Bridport lip caused them dear when the referee heard discord at an infringement to Swanage.

This was then repeated! leaving Swanage a scrummage close to the Blues line where the beefy Swanage number 8 took the ball and barged through a couple of weak tackles to score a converted try to close the score to 13-10.

The visitors failed to draw even with another penalty but the reliable Greening boot did not fail and a further Bridport penalty saw them lead 16-10 at half time.

Despite the visitors advantage in bulk they did not match the superior scrummage technique of the Bridport pack; home props Oz Sullivan and Justin Gurd ensuring that all the Blue push was driven efficiently into the retreating visitors scrum.

Effort was rewarded when Blue's number 8, skipper for the day and worthy Palmer's Wine Store Man-of-the-Match Mike Pibworth was able to spin left from an advancing scrum to touch down for an unconverted try.

The level of refereeing in this game was of a good but severely exacting standard.

The very many fine-point technical stoppages gave the heavy Swanage pack chances to catch back their breath. They still wanted to keep it tight and close while Bridport wanted to entertain with fast open play.

The closing sequences of the match went Bridport's way.

A bouncing kick ahead came out to veteran winger, Jason Blackmore who used his experienced guile to sidestep his opposite number before throwing a show business overhead backward pass to full-back Nathan Herbert whose persistence in following up play gave him a clear converted try and seal victory.

Next Saturday the firsts host North Dorset at home while the seconds travel to Blandford (3pm kick-off).

■ **WELL BALANCED:** Jason Blackmore in balletic pose. *Photo by MARK PERKINS*

Bridport U11s 7 Sidmouth 61

COACH Guy Furner whilst pleased with his side's overall game was critical of their poor tackling technique.

He said: "We played well and consistently won the scrum, line out and break-downs and playing the game in the oppositions half, but as soon as the ball was lost it went out wide and we suffered try after try against our appalling."

He added: "Our tackling was woeful. You can ride on the coat tails of the players that like to tackle, but against well-structured and attacking backs, you will be found out.

"Our boys did not tackle the dynamic runs of Sidmouth and we lost heavily. Tackling when done right is fun and the satisfaction from good defence is uplifting. "You're not crossing our line" is a mantra and we will train hard to own it.

"Sidmouth are a club with vision and coached at a high level, producing quality rugby as a result. It's not only the players that learn from mistakes but we as coaches and as a club will have to raise the bar.

"This result wasn't down to the players alone but a joint responsibility of coach/club and players. We will compete and we will learn.

"Many thanks for Sidmouth for coming down and playing this fixture and the effort they put into the game; we look forward to meeting them next year."

Bridport U10 v Sidmouth

BOLSTERED by four new recruits and some tough physical ball winning training supervised by committed parents, Bridport put in their best performance of the year.

Their ability now to tackle meant last minute tackles by both teams, mauls on the line, players hauled in to touch; the match had it all; meant the first of the 15 minute games was scoreless, although the score line belied a terrific game of rugby.

With players on the sideline champing at the bit to play, the momentum was maintained in the second game, with the same pace and commitment shown. Tries were exchanged; newcomer Oliver.xxxx showing his pace, and Jack Tozer his tenacity; and if captain Tegan Furner learns to concentrate, the club have another scrum-half in the making.

He is beginning to marshal his troops and run with both hands on the ball, whilst newcomer Peter.xxxxx.is providing good physical support up front to Thomas Craven.

West Bay Sea Angling

House double in early competitions

PAUL House made a good start to this year's angling with a double in the latest of West Bay Sea Angling's competitions, winning the first Andy Neal Rover and daytime matches of the year.

Andy Neal Rover - January 18th

AWFUL weather greeted anglers for the first rover match, with most chosing to fish West Bay harbour.

1st: Paul House 4825g, 2nd: PJ Wheeler 465g, 3rd: Ollie Mears 455g. Most species: Adam Cullingford; 4 - dogfish, pout, poor cod, bearded rockling. Heaviest fish (above bags removed): Steve Fowles - 5 bearded rockling 150g.

Burton Bradstock - January 23rd

A CALM sea saw Lea Windsor catch his full house of dogfish along with a couple of pout which was enough to win him the match. Most anglers caught fish.

1st: L Windsor 4320g, 2nd: S Fowles 3110g, 3rd: M Wickenden 2395g.

Most species: PJ.Wheeler 2 - dogfish, pout. Heaviest fish: P.House - dogfish 810g.

West Bexington - January 30th

NOT a breath of wind and a flat sea saw an abundance of dogfish being caught. Steve Harwood had six decent dogs and with the only whiting of the match was enough him to take victory.

1st: S Harwood 4920g, 2nd: M Wickenden 4825g, 3rd: H Rathbone 4635g. Most species: S Fowles; 4 - dogfish, pout, poor cod, bearded rockling. Heaviest fish: PJ Wheeler - dogfish 1005g.

Eype Daytime - February 16th

THE first daytime match of the year at Eype produced a poor day's fishing with only shore rockling being caught.

1st: P House 410g, 2nd: S Harwood 380g, 3rd: T Colls 220g. Most species: Paul House (just shore rockling). Heaviest fish: Tony Colls - shore rockling 220g.

Seatown - February 20th

This match was very hard going with only three fish being caught.

1st: PJ Wheeler 780g. 2nd: S. Harwood 390g. 3rd: P. House 135g

No outright winner for most species pool. Heaviest fish: PJ Wheeler; dogfish 780g.

Andy Neal Rover - February 22nd

ANGLERS fished from the Stone Pier, Weymouth to West Bay in blustery conditions. Again, fish were hard to find.

1st: M Wickenden 795g, 2nd: O Mears 495g, 3rd: S Fowles 365g.

Most species: Equal first: PJ Wheeler 2 - pout and five bearded rockling.

Heaviest fish (above bags removed): P.House shore rockling 215g.

Cup win for Beaminster bowlers

■ **CHAMPIONS: HOSTS Beaminster won this year's annual shot mat bowls Netherbury Challenge Cup with a team spanning three generations.**

Thirteen-year-old Jack Bradley helped his side, with an age range spanning 60 years, take the title in competition with Netherbury, South Perrott and Toller Porcorum. The competition held in Beaminster Public Hall comprised of two teams of three from each club playing with two woods each in a round robin format, with scoring based on shot difference which provided some very competitive and enjoyable games. After the match, the players and supporters enjoyed an excellent hot meal cooked and served by Margaret Trevett.

Our photo above shows the winning Beaminster team (l-r): Jack Bradley, Monica Hammond, Karen Ellis, Neil Hammond, Frank Smith and Don Love with the trophy.

Football tables

Skrill South (bottom)	Pld	GD	Pts
Basingstoke (14th)	32	2	42
Farnborough	33	-15	40
Chelmsford City	33	-23	37
Hayes & Yeading	30	-3	33
Whitehawk	32	-17	32
Tonbridge Angels	31	-24	31
Gosport Borough	28	-14	29
Maidenhead Utd	32	-16	29
DORCHESTER TOWN	**33**	**-41**	**27**

Calor Premier (top)	Pld	GD	Pts
Hemel Hempstead Town	37	85	88
Chesham United	37	51	82
St Albans City	38	33	74
Stourbridge	37	49	68
Cambridge City	36	28	67
Bideford	38	19	63
Poole Town	31	27	60
Hungerford	33	28	56
WEYMOUTH	**35**	**-9**	**52**
Corby Town	35	1	51
Redditch	36	-20	51
Hitchin Town	35	11	47
Arlesley Town	38	-9	47
Frome Town	37	-15	46
Biggleswade Town	33	11	44

Toolstation Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Larkhall Athletic	28	62	78
Bristol Manor Farm	35	66	76
Gillingham Town	30	36	64
Street	33	14	60
Willand Rovers	30	7	49
Odd Down	28	20	48
Bitton	30	16	48
Melksham Town	31	3	46
Hallen	29	1	42
Cadbury Heath	33	-5	41
Brislington	27	-2	40
Longwell Green	30	-8	40
Buckland Athletic	28	9	38
BRIDPORT	***30***	***-7***	***35***
Sherborne Town	29	-6	34
Winterbourne Utd*	34	-26	32
Slimbridge	28	-14	31
Radstock Town*	30	-41	25
Hengrove Athletic	30	-34	22
Ilfracombe Town	28	-42	20
Bishop Sutton	31	-49	17

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
WEYMOUTH RES	***25***	***30***	***50***
PORTLAND UNITED	***22***	***41***	***48***
Merley Cobham	24	28	47
Hamworthy Rec	23	46	45
Mere Town	24	26	39
BRIDPORT RES	***24***	***15***	***38***
Blandford United	25	-11	34
Swanage & Herston*	24	3	32
Holt United	26	-16	30
Shaftesbury Town*	28	-23	30
Wareham Rangers	23	-2	28
Tintinhull	21	-6	28
Cranborne	25	-35	27
Sherborne Town Res	23	-5	24
Parley Sports	25	-22	24
Hamworthy Utd Res*	21	-31	18
Poole Borough	25	-38	18

Senior League	Pld	GD	Pts
Westland Sports	17	37	42
Chickerell Utd	17	22	41
Sturm Marshall	15	23	36
Upwey & Broadwey	16	21	32
Corfe Mullen Utd	16	16	26
Witchampton Utd	14	9	23
Gillingham Res	16	-1	22
Portland Utd Res	16	-2	22
Blandford Utd Res	16	-2	21
South Cheriton	17	-10	18
Piddlehinton Utd	21	-26	16
Sturm Newton Utd	15	-4	11
Kingston Lacy	17	-35	9
Okeford Utd	17	-48	7

Dorset Division 1	Pld	GD	Pts
Balti House	19	30	49
Weymouth Spartans	20	5	38
Dorchester Sports	17	19	33
Milborne Sports	17	27	32
Kangaroos	17	14	30
Poundbury Rovers	19	6	28
Wincanton Town Res	14	10	26
AFC Cobham	19	-16	22
Swanage & Herst Res	16	-13	14
Bridport 3rds	18	-21	13
Poole Borough Res*	11	4	12
Stourpaine*	18	-23	9
Bere Regis	19	-42	7

Dorset Division 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Lytchett RT	15	51	42
Portesham Utd	15	22	38
Portland Town	19	16	31
Parley Sports Res	17	15	29
Redlands FC	17	9	29
Wyke Regis SC	19	0	29
Shaftesbury Town Res	14	9	24
Chickerell Utd Res	15	5	24
Corfe Castle	18	4	24
Piddlehinton Utd	21	-25	15
Wareham Rangers Res	14	-14	14
Ship Inn, Wool	21	-40	14
Gillingham Town A*	17	-13	12
Sturm Newton Res	16	-39	12

Dorset Division 3	Pld	GD	Pts
Broadstone	18	48	37
Stickland Utd*	17	42	33
AFC Blandford	13	23	33
Mere Town Res	17	27	31
Henstridge Utd	15	7	29
Handley Sports	17	-4	22
Stalbridge	16	-18	19
Maiden Newton & Catt.	11	6	14
Sturm Marshall Res	18	-29	14
Donhead Utd	15	-58	6
Portland Town Res	15	-44	4

Dorset Division 4	Pld	GD	Pts
Puddletown	16	36	39
Milborne Sports Res	17	21	36
Weymouth Sport Res	16	1	28
AFC Cobham Res	15	11	26
Portland Town A	19	-9	26
Owermoigne	15	2	24
Pimperne SS	18	3	22
UFC Poundbury	19	-12	21
Kangaroos Res	17	-17	16
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	17	-17	16
Cranborne Res*	17	0	15
South Cheriton Res	16	-19	11

Dorset Division 5	Pld	GD	Pts
Portland Utd Youth	13	28	29
Broadstone Res	13	15	28
Lytchett RT Youth	13	17	25
Corfe Castle Res	15	8	25
Portland Town B	18	-36	20
Wool & Winfrith	13	2	18
Handley Sports Res	13	8	16
Marnhull*	14	8	14
Piddletrenthide Res*	14	-17	11
Okeford Utd Res*	16	-33	8

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Battling point for Magpies as free scorers are shut-out again

Dorchester Town 0 Sutton United 0
Skrill South– att: 456

by Stuart Broom
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DORCHESTER Town showed their resilience with a battling display to take a fourth point off promotion chasing Sutton United this season, and shutout the league's second highest goalscorers for a second time.

Manager Phil Simkin laughingly suggested he should have issued his side with Davy Crockett hats before they started, but the Magpies defence stood firm and gained a valuable point which puts them back in touch with four other struggling sides.

Alan Walker-Harris was outstanding in goal making a number of crucial saves whilst Nathan Walker showed what an asset he can be with solid display including clearing one shot off the line.

Dorchester included on-loan striker Elliott Chamberlain who signed on Friday from Exeter City for the rest of the season.

The hosts almost took the lead in the fourth minute when a poor clearance fell to Jamie Gleeson 35 yards from goal but his left foot strike fizzed the wrong side of the post.

Sutton however soon took command and Walker-Harris was forced to turn aside James Taylor's shot, before making a double save from the same player.

Ryan Case tried his luck from 40 yards in a rare Magpies attack which flew wide whilst the the home keeper defied the U's with another couple of saves before Jake McCarthy blocked John's effort.

It was much the same after the break, with the odd Dorchester attempt, one of which saw Jason Brown comfortably hold Warren Byerley's header.

The nearest Sutton came was when Walker-Harris saved Damien Scannell's close range drive with his legs. The ball rebounded to Lee Sawyer who could only fire at Walker who cleared off the line.

Simkin was full of praise for his players after: "They all worked their socks off but Alan Walker-Harris was outstanding and Nathan Walker unbelieveable.

"All we could do was defend, and we made a couple of half chances but that was all. They were better than the side we beat last November so it was a good point.

"Elliott Chamberlain fitted in well - you can see he can play, but he lacks match practice at present."

Unfortunately things were not looking good for last night's trip to Eastleigh with Jamie Gleeson and Nick Crittenden having picked up knocks and Warren Byerley definitely out (knee).

◆ A STATEMENT on the club's website yesterday confirmed that **Calvin Brooks**' playing contract had been terminated by mutual consent but that he would continue with his community officer's work and coaching role with the Ability Counts team.

■ **RUNNERS UP:** The Dorchester Town u15s team which was beaten 3-1 by Wimborne in the final of the Dorset league cup at Hamworthy on Sunday. *Photo courtesy of Dorset FA*

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